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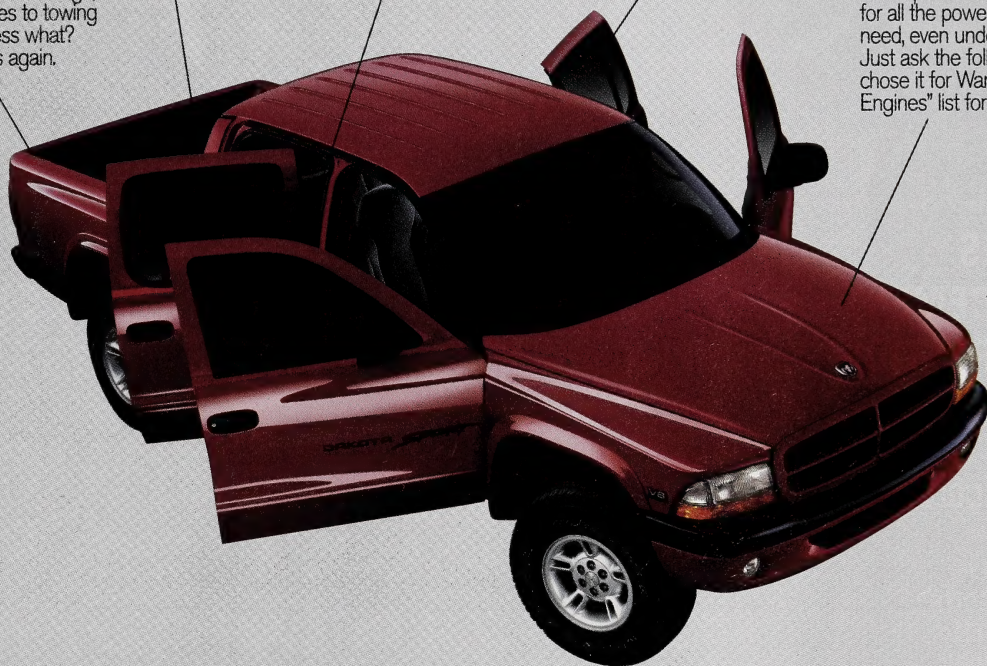
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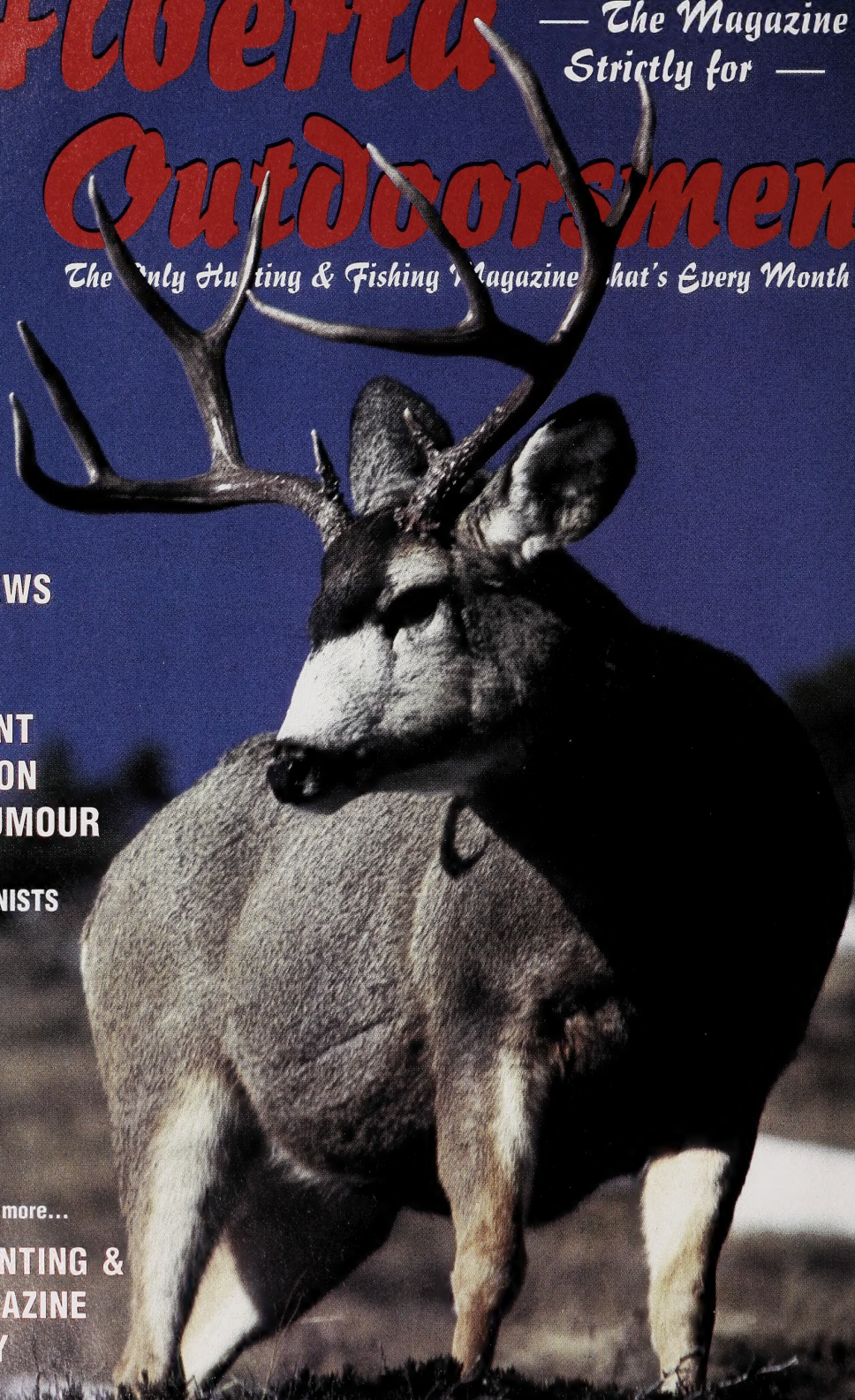
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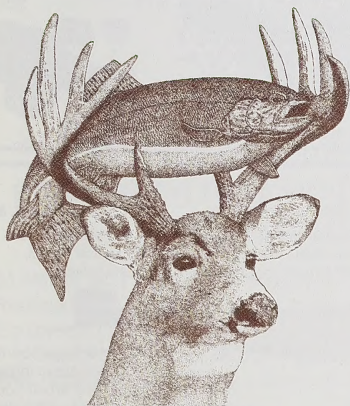
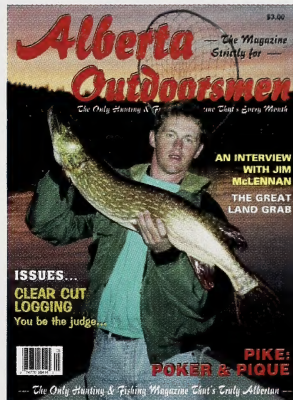
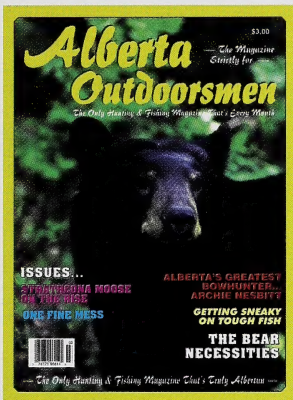
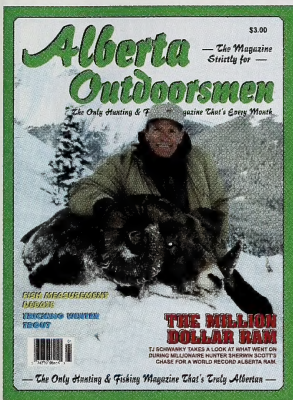
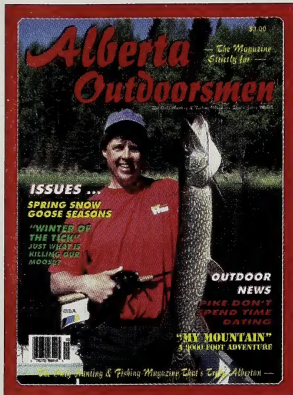
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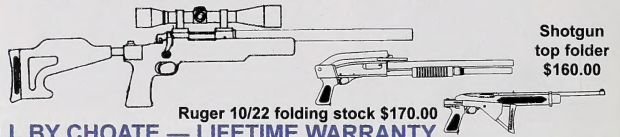
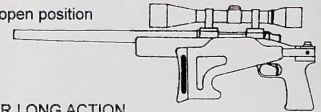
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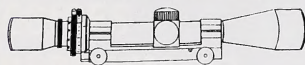
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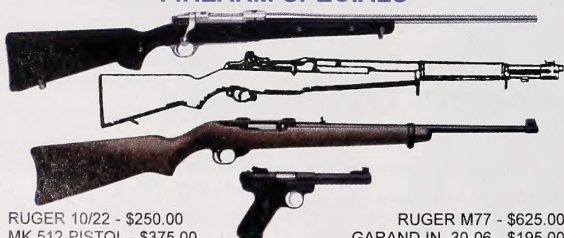
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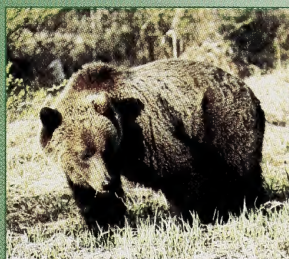
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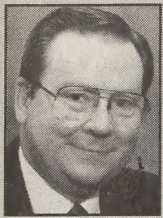
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



The 2000 hunting season is about to begin and Alberta offers an outstanding selection of game to hunt. This guide contains

information on the wide variety of hunting opportunities in the province, including regulations to ensure we will have abundant wild game to enjoy. Please read the information carefully to understand what is required to embark on a legal hunt.

New Guide Format

Alberta Environment's partnership with Sports Scene Publications Inc. has allowed the department to enhance the quality of this guide while saving costs. Its size has been increased to make reading easier. Since most hunters prefer the wildlife management unit map on a single sheet of paper, the map format has been left unchanged.

Partner Licence

This year, the department has introduced a new type of licence on a trial basis—the Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence. Designed to increase hunting opportunity, this licence allows an eligible resident to form a partnership with the holder of an Antlered Moose Special Licence, obtained through the draw process. The partners must hunt together, for a single moose, and only within certain wildlife management units in the northern foothills.

Please review the important new changes listed on page 12 of this guide.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable hunting season.

Halvar C. Jonson
Minister of Environment



DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will help you understand this Guide:

Antlered – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

Antlerless – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not "antlered" (as defined above).

Bird Game Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide game bird hunters in Alberta.

Bird Game Outfitter-guide – a person who is the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit issued by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to non-resident and non-resident alien game bird hunters in Alberta.

Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide big game hunters in Alberta. A Designated Guide may guide not more than two Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien big game hunters at a time in any part of Alberta, provided that each Non-resident (Canadian) or Non-resident Alien has contracted the hunt through an Outfitter-guide. The two-hunter limit does not include Resident hunters.

Class C Guide – a Resident who is the holder of a valid Class C Guide's Licence. A Class C Guide **may not guide for gain or reward, or accept a fee for guiding services.** The licence authorizes the holder (usually a relative or friend of the hunters to be guided) to guide a maximum of two Non-residents (Canadian) or Non-resident Aliens* named on the guide's licence to hunt wolf, coyote and big game throughout the province.

* Non-resident alien hunters are referred to Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21) for additional conditions and restrictions.

Green Area – forest lands not available for agricultural development other than grazing. In general, the Green Area is public land outside the parkland and prairie regions, or roughly in the northern half of the province and within a strip running along the Rocky Mountains and foothills.

Non-resident (Canadian) – a person who is not a Resident (see page 11), but who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in Canada, and who has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date.

Non-resident Alien – a person who is neither a Resident (see below) nor a Non-resident (see above).

OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) – any motorized vehicle designed for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land, or on other natural terrain.

[Exceptions: motor boats, as well as four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles registered in accordance with the *Motor Vehicles Administration Act*.] Among OHVs, include the following kinds of vehicles when they are designed for cross-country travel as described above:

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- Outfitter-guide** – a person who is the holder of a valid Outfitter-guide Permit, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to big game hunters in Alberta.
- **Class S Outfitter-guide** – an Outfitter-guide who holds Non-resident (Canadian)/Non-resident Alien allocations for Trophy Sheep Special Licences. A Class S Outfitter-guide may also hold allocations for other big game special licences.
 - **Class T Outfitter-guide** – an Outfitter-guide who holds allocations valid for Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien big game special licences other than those for trophy sheep.

Partner Licence – a licence issued to an eligible hunter that allows him or her to hunt antlered moose in a specified WMU and season under the direct authority of an Antlered Moose Special Licence held by another hunter successful in the draw.

- Resident** – a person who either
- has his or her only or primary residence in Alberta and
 - 1) is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to permanent residence in Canada, or
 - 2) has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date; or
 - is on full-time service with the Armed Forces of Canada and would, if an election were held under the *Elections Act* (Canada), be eligible to vote in Alberta under that Act.

Special Licence – a licence obtained through a draw process, or for Non-resident and Non-resident Alien hunters, through an Outfitter-guide. It permits hunting of a specific type or class of game only in specific areas during a specified season (page 20).

Weapon – a firearm or any other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things.

WMU – Wildlife Management Unit, a geographical area prescribed in legislation.

WIN – Wildlife Identification Number, a permanent registration number issued to each hunter and angler.

Month Abbreviations

The following defines the month abbreviations used in this guide:

A – August S – September O – October
 N – November D – December
 J – January F – February M – March
 Ap – April Ma – May Ju – June

Attention

All Black Bear and Non-resident (Canadian) Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Hunters

If you purchase one of these licences for the spring season, it can be used for the following fall of the same calendar year. This applies for any of the following: Wildlife Certificate, Black Bear Licence (Resident or Non-Resident [Canadian]), Black Bear Special Licence (Non-resident [Canadian] or Non-Resident Alien), Supplemental Black Bear Licence (Resident or Non-Resident [Canadian]) or a Non-Resident (Canadian)/Non-Resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence.

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- The boundaries of WMUs 138, 142, 144, and 150-152 have been slightly adjusted to follow roadways rather than old rail lines, which no longer exist in some places.
- Hunters in WMUs 108, 242, 308, 346, 350, 524 and 539 should be aware of the following: hunting is now prohibited in the new Sundance Provincial Park (in 346); recreational use of vehicles is prohibited in the new heritage rangelands (in 108, 242 and 308); and recreational use of vehicles is restricted to designated routes in the new wildland provincial parks (in 308, 350, 524 and 539). For further information, contact a local office of Alberta Environment (page 14).
- Spray Valley Provincial Park has been proposed for part of WMU 408. It is anticipated that hunting will continue in the proposed park through the fall of 2000. Hunters should contact a local office of Alberta Environment for information about hunting in WMU 408 after this year.

BIG GAME

- Hunters taking a calf moose under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence are now required to retain the animal's head to provide definitive proof of its age.
- A group hunting option (2 hunters, 1 tag) has been created, on a pilot basis, for residents holding Antlered Moose Special Licences obtained through the draw and valid in one of the following WMUs in the northern foothills: 344, 347, or 349-356. These special licence holders, if they want, may designate one eligible hunter to share the privileges of the special licence and tag and hunt as partners for a single moose. The eligible partner must purchase a Partner Licence costing about one third the price of the Special Licence. See page 61 for more information.

GAME BIRD

Individuals who guide non-resident or non-resident alien game bird hunters for gain or reward are required to hold a Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit and/or a Bird Game Guide's Designation. Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien game bird hunters who pay for guide services must do so through the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit. Issuance of the Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit and the Bird Game Guide's Designation is administered by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society.

WMU DESCRIPTIONS

The WMU boundaries shown on the enclosed map are small-scale approximations of the actual units legally described in the Wildlife Regulation (AR 143/97) and subsequent amendments. The map enclosed in this Guide is provided to help you identify the WMU in which you wish to hunt. **It is your responsibility to know in which WMU you are hunting and the seasons, rules and regulations that govern hunting in that WMU.** Text descriptions of the WMU boundaries may be either read at your nearest Alberta Environment office or through the Alberta Queen's Printer web site (<http://www.gov.ab.ca/qp>) or purchased from The Queen's Printer at the following addresses:

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Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Main Floor, McDougall Centre
455 - 6 Street, S.W.
Calgary, AB T2P 4E8

Telephone: (780) 427-4952

Telephone: (403) 297-6251

NOTE: The Queen's Printer does not sell maps.

MAPS

Maps providing information about access, topography and land ownership can be purchased at several locations throughout the province.

Provincial and Federal Maps

Provincial and federal access and topographical maps are available from various private map dealers throughout the province.

County and Other Municipal Maps

Hunters are reminded to check with county and municipal offices for detailed maps showing land ownership status. These maps are available for a nominal fee and are useful for determining land status and ownership, which can help you obtain permission for access.

Notice to Hunters

Alberta Environment frequently conducts roadblocks to assist in the management of Alberta's fish and wildlife resources and to ensure compliance with existing legislation.

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Moose	1141	16741	6.4%
Mule Deer	947	24670	3.7%
Whitetail Deer	2087	63508	3.2%
Black Bear	1772	6921	20.4%
Cougar	22	244	8.3%
Antelope	38	398	8.7%
Bighorn Sheep	83	1829	4.3%
*TOTALS	6386	135,037	4.5%

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For further information about these regulations or other matters concerning fish or wildlife management, please contact the sources listed below. For toll-free access within Alberta to most Alberta Environment offices, call 310-0000.

Alberta Environment Local Office Telephone Numbers

Northwest Boreal Region

Fairview	780-835-2737
Fort Vermilion (8:15 – noon)	780-927-4488
Grande Prairie	780-538-5265
High Level (8:15 – noon)	780-926-2238
High Prairie	780-523-6520
Manning (8:15 – noon)	780-836-3065
Peace River	780-624-6439
Red Earth (1:00 – 4:30)	780-649-3853
Slave Lake	780-849-7110
Spirit River	780-864-4101
Valleyview	780-524-3605
*Peace River	780-624-6405

Northern East Slopes Region

Barrhead	780-674-8236
*Edson	780-723-8244
Evansburg	780-727-3635
Fox Creek (8:15 – noon)	780-622-3421
Grande Cache	780-827-3356
Hinton	780-865-8264
Stony Plain	780-963-6131
Swan Hills	780-333-2229
Whitecourt	780-778-7112

Bow Region

Bow	403-678-2373
Brooks	403-362-1232
Calgary	403-297-6423
*Canmore	403-678-2373
Cochrane	403-932-2388
Coronation (Tue. Wed. every other Thu.)	403-578-3224
Drumheller	403-823-1670
Elbow	403-949-3749
Hanna (Tue. Wed. every other Thu.)	403-854-5540
High River (8:15 – 4:30, Mon. & Fri.; 8:15 – noon, Tues. to Thu.)	403-652-8320
Kananaskis	403-591-6300
Oyen (Tue. Wed. every other Thu.)	403-664-3614
Strathmore	403-934-3422

*Regional Office

Alberta Environment Information Centre

Edmonton 780-944-0313
E-mail: env.infocent@gov.ab.ca

Web Site — <http://www.gov.ab.ca/env> – go to “Fish and Wildlife,”
then to “Hunting in Alberta”

Northeast Boreal Region

Athabasca	780-675-2419
Bonnyville	780-826-3142
Cold Lake	780-639-3377
Edmonton	780-427-3574
Fort Chipewyan (8:15 – noon; Tue. Wed. Thu.)	780-697-3511
Fort McMurray	780-743-7200
Lac La Biche	780-623-5247
*St. Paul	780-645-6313
Smoky Lake (8:15 – noon)	780-656-3556

Parkland Region

Camrose	780-679-1225
Drayton Valley	780-542-6767
Lloydminster (9:00 – 3:00 Mon. to Wed.)	780-871-6495
Nordegg (8:15 – noon)	403-721-3949
Olds (8:15 – 4:30, Tue. Wed.; 8:15 – noon, Thu.)	403-556-4215
Ponoka (8:15 – noon)	403-783-7093
Provost (1:00 – 4:30, Tue.; 8:15 – 4:30, Wed. Thu.)	780-753-2433
Red Deer	403-340-5142
*Rocky Mountain House	403-845-8230
Stettler (8:15 – noon)	403-742-7510
Sundre	403-638-3805
Vegreville (8:15 – 4:30, Mon. Tue.; 8:15 – noon, Wed.)	780-632-5410
Vermilion	780-853-8137
Wetaskiwin	780-361-1250

Prairie Region

Blairmore	403-562-3289
Cardston	403-653-4331
Claresholm	403-625-1450
Cypress Hills	403-893-3777
Foremost (1:00 – 4:30)	403-867-3826
Lethbridge	403-381-5266
Medicine Hat	403-529-3680
Pincher Creek	403-627-1116
Vulcan	403-485-6971
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You bet it does. Not only does money grow on trees, it can also be found in the very ground on which you walk. Mining, forestry, tourism and oil and gas are the largest contributors to the Foothills Model Forest landbase economy. In fact, these industries contribute over \$1.7 billion annually to the region's economy. Taxes generated from these industries provide funding for important social benefits such as hospitals, schools, community services, management of protected areas.

Over 25 per cent of the jobs in the Foothills Model Forest landbase are created by forestry and forestry-related industries, providing over \$600 million to the regional economy.

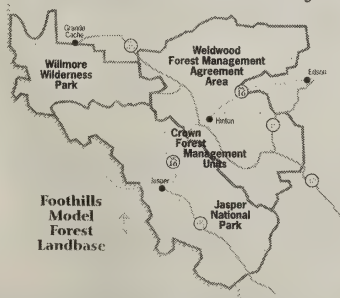
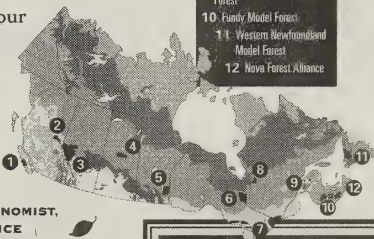
Managed properly, the forest is a tremendous renewable resource, supporting both industrial and recreational

uses, and providing for the livelihood of many in the region. The Foothills Model Forest is focused on sustainable forest management practices and the concept of integrated

resource management. The Foothills Model Forest and its partners are conducting important research into the ecological, economic and social values of our forests, to develop information and tools for use by land and resource managers to ensure the long-term health of our

communities and forests. "Canada's forests are of great economic importance to over 300 forestry-based communities and society in general. Managing our forests wisely is essential for the long-term health of these communities and the standard of living of Canadians." BILL WHITE, SENIOR ECONOMIST, CANADIAN FOREST SERVICE

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If you would like more information on the Foothills Model Forest or its economic impact on the region, please visit our Website at www.fmf.ab.ca or call (780) 865-8329.

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The Foothills Model Forest organization comprises a diverse group of over 40 partners, including principal sponsors Alberta Environment, the Canadian Forest Service, Jasper National Park, and Weldwood of Canada Limited (Piston Division). With some 2.75 million hectares (27,500 square kilometres) under study, the Foothills Model Forest landbase is the largest such site in the world.

This working model of sustainable forest management is part of a network of 11 Canadian and a growing number of international partnerships. They are focused on promoting ecologically sound forest practices and developing and applying new knowledge and technologies.



Prohibitions

Note: *Convictions for certain offences will result in the suspension of all recreational hunting licences for a period of 1 to 3 years, and may result in a suspension for as long as 5 or more years. This is in addition to the assessment of a fine, an order and/or imprisonment.*

Loaded Firearms — *A firearm in or on a vehicle, aircraft or boat is considered loaded if it has live ammunition in the breech, chamber or magazine, unless cartridges are in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. See Item 7 below for further information.*

General

It is unlawful to

1. carry or use another person's licence or tag or allow another person to use your licence or tag.
2. harass, injure or kill any wildlife with a vehicle, aircraft or boat.
3. hunt any wildlife with or from an aircraft, or communicate, for the purpose of hunting, the signs or whereabouts of wildlife seen during a flight on an aircraft.
4. transport dead wildlife taken by others without an accompanying bill of lading (letter of authorization) signed by the licence or permit holder and providing the following details:
 - the kind and number of the licence under which the wildlife was killed or possessed,
 - a description of the wildlife,
 - the points of origin and destination, and
 - the date on which the wildlife is to be transported.
5. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting any wildlife**:
 - an arrow equipped with an explosive head,
 - a firearm that is capable of firing more than one bullet during one pressure of the trigger or a firearm that can be altered to operate as such,
 - a light,
 - a cross-bow (eligible handicapped hunters may be exempted — for details contact an Alberta Environment office),
 - a shotgun of a gauge greater than 10,
 - a device designed to deaden the sound of the report of a firearm,
 - recorded wildlife calls or sounds, or an electrically operated calling device,
 - a pistol or revolver,
 - live wildlife,
 - a swivel set or spring gun, or
 - a poisonous substance or an immobilizing drug.
6. allow the edible meat of any game bird or big game animal — except cougar, grizzly bear or black bear — to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.

7. have a loaded firearm (live ammunition in breech, chamber or magazine) in or on, or discharge a **weapon** from
 - a boat unless the boat is propelled by muscular power or is at anchor and the person is hunting, or
 - any kind of aircraft or vehicle whether it is moving or stationary.

Note: Ammunition may be carried in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. Contact a local police service for more information regarding federal firearms legislation.

8. discharge a **weapon** within 183 m (200 yards) or cause a projectile from a **weapon** to pass within 183 m (200 yards) of any occupied building. Owners, occupants, or persons authorized by the owner or occupant are excepted, subject to local bylaws.

9. discharge a firearm from or cause a projectile from a firearm to pass along or across
 - a primary highway,
 - a road allowance containing a road that is paved, oiled, graded or regularly maintained, unless
 - the road is held under any active disposition under the *Public Lands Act* or under an order under the *Surface Rights Act*, or
 - the person is hunting game birds with a shotgun under the authority of a licence.

10. hunt any wildlife while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

11. hunt any wildlife **or discharge a firearm** between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. (See sunrise/sunset table on page 90.)

12. alter, destroy or remove any sign or notice that has been posted under the authority of the *Wildlife Act* or the Migratory Birds Regulations.

13. hunt any wildlife or discharge any firearm on or over occupied land or enter on to such land for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land (page 27).
NOTE: There is an additional requirement affecting access for guided hunts (page 28).

14. possess a firearm of a calibre larger than .22 in a helicopter over WMUs 400-446.

15. hunt with a firearm if you are under 18 years of age and not accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian. For further clarification of the requirements of federal firearms legislation, see page 26.

16. disturb traps, sets or trapping cabins.

17. hunt game on Sundays except in the Green Area portions of WMUs 347, 349-356, 360, 420-428, 430-437, 440-446, 503, 511-521, 523-544 and 841, or while hunting white geese during the regular open season for white geese. See insert map.

Big Game

It is unlawful to

1. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting big game**:
 - ammunition of less than .23 calibre,
 - ammunition having an empty cartridge case measuring less than 44 mm (1.75 in.) in length,

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- ammunition that contains non-expanding bullets,
- an auto-loading firearm that has the capacity to hold more than 5 cartridges in the magazine,
- a shotgun having a gauge of .410 or less,
- a shotgun in a bird sanctuary,
- bait, except as permitted for the hunting of black bears (page 37),
- an arrow other than an authorized arrow (page 36),
- an arrow equipped with a barbed head,
- a bow other than an authorized bow (page 36),
- a muzzle-loading firearm of less than .44 calibre,
- a rifle or shotgun in WMUs 212, 248 or 410 (persons hunting under the authority of a Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence or a Foothills Deer Licence may hunt with a bow and arrow, muzzle loader or shotgun),
- a trap.

2. discharge a **weapon** at a big game animal while it is swimming.
3. discharge an arrow from a bow at big game, from, along or across a highway or road specified in Item 9 on page 16.
4. be accompanied by a dog while hunting big game or allow a dog to pursue big game except when hunting cougar under the authority of a Cougar Licence.
5. possess the carcass of a male elk, male mule deer, male antelope or male non-trophy sheep unless the complete skull plate, with horns or antlers intact, is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to
 - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
 - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.
6. possess the carcass of a calf moose taken under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence unless its head is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to
 - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
 - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.
7. allow the skin of any grizzly bear, black bear or cougar taken under the authority of a licence, to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.
8. remove the distinctive evidence of sex and species from the carcass of any big game until the carcass is delivered to
 - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
 - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

In the case of grizzly bear and cougar, the evidence of sex must remain attached and be retained until the animal has been registered (page 35).
9. remove the tag from the carcass of a big game animal until authorized (as outlined on page 35).

10. hunt
 - a grizzly bear under the age of two years,
 - a grizzly bear that is part of a group of two or more grizzly bears,
 - a black bear under the age of one year,
 - a female black bear accompanied by a cub under the age of one year,

- a female cougar accompanied by a kitten with spotted fur, or
- a cougar kitten with spotted fur.

11. transport big game hunters, except those requiring medical aid, or big game by helicopter over WMUs 400-446.
12. land or take off in a fixed-wing aircraft that is carrying big game, big game hunters or firearms of a calibre larger than .22 at or from any location in WMUs 400-446 except those locations where aircraft routinely land and take off.
13. hunt big game within 6 hours of having disembarked from an aircraft, except for a jet or turbo-propelled aircraft.

Game Bird

It is unlawful to

1. hunt game birds during an open season for male pheasants within designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m., except Saturdays.
2. possess, before it has been transported to the usual residence of the person who killed it, a game bird which does not bear evidence of sex and species. Evidence of sex and species consists of one completely feathered wing attached to the carcass of the game bird, except for Merriam's turkey for which evidence of sex and species consists of the complete head and beard attached to the carcass (see page 54 for tagging instructions for Merriam's turkey).
3. hunt a migratory game bird with a firearm loaded with a single bullet.

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4. hunt any game bird using

- a shotgun in which the magazine and chamber combined will hold more than three rounds of ammunition,
- a trap, or
- bait.

Note: see item 12 (below) for additional restrictions for hunting Merriam's turkey.

5. have more than one shotgun, for personal use, at any time while hunting migratory game birds unless each shotgun, in excess of one, is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.
6. hunt wildlife in WMU 410 with other than a bow and arrow or falconry bird.
7. hunt game birds in WMU 212 or 248 with other than a bow and arrow, shotgun or falconry bird.
8. exceed the daily or possession limit for any game bird (see game bird bag limits on page 56).
9. hunt game birds within 400 m (1/4 mi.) of a baited lure area operated under the Crop Damage Control Program.
10. transport migratory game birds belonging to others unless the carcasses are affixed with a tag showing
 - the signature, name and address of the owner,
 - the licence number under which the bird was taken, and
 - the date the birds were taken.
11. fail to make every effort possible to immediately retrieve a migratory game bird that a person has killed or wounded. A hunter must have adequate means to retrieve any migratory bird that he or she may kill, cripple or injure.
12. hunt Merriam's turkey using
 - a weapon other than a shotgun or a bow and arrow,
 - a shotgun with a bore diameter smaller than 20 gauge, or
 - shot size smaller than No. 6 shot or larger than No. 2 shot.
13. remove the tag from a Merriam's turkey until authorized (page 54).

LICENSING

Licence System

Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM) manages the sale of all recreational hunting and fishing licences in Alberta. Licences are sold exclusively through private licence issuers (e.g., sporting goods stores, convenience stores and gas stations) in communities throughout Alberta. Licences are not sold at Alberta Environment offices.

The automated system integrates all recreational licensing services, providing better service to hunters, anglers and licence issuers. Licence issuers print all licences and tags at point of sale. The system provides Alberta Environment with important, up-to-date information about the hunters and anglers in the province.

To locate a licence issuer in your area of Alberta, contact the RELM (Recreational Licensing Management) Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494, or go to the Hunting in Alberta web site (see page 14).

Wildlife Identification Number (WIN)

Hunters and anglers in Alberta must possess a ten-digit Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) before applying for or purchasing any

licence or wildlife certificate. The number is valid for five years and can be purchased for \$8.00. It is renewable at any private licence issuer for an additional five years for \$4.00.

If you are purchasing a WIN for the first time, the licence issuer gives you a paper receipt (which includes your new number) allowing you to purchase licences immediately. Your plastic card will be mailed to you within a few weeks.

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Please bring your card when you purchase licences. The plastic WIN card allows the licence issuer to provide you with faster more efficient service.

If you have any questions about the WIN or the licensing system, please contact the RELM Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494.

Change of Address

To update your mailing address, call (toll-free in North America) 1-877-289-0999 or 1-888-944-5494, or fill out a WIN Application & Change of Information form at your local licence issuer.

Wildlife Certificate and Licences

A person must possess a valid Wildlife Certificate and the applicable hunting licence in order to hunt big game or game birds. The hunter must also carry the licence and applicable tag(s) on his or her person while hunting. A person applying for a draw is not required to possess a Wildlife Certificate, but must purchase one before purchasing any hunting licence (see **Draws for Special Licences**, page 20).

Age Requirements

13 Years and Under. A person must be at least 12 years-of-age to possess a Big Game, Game Bird or Pheasant Licence, or a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence. Before obtaining any licence, hunters 12 or 13 years-of-age must 1) successfully complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Program, and 2) have the written permission of their parent or guardian to purchase a recreational hunting licence. Twelve or 13 year olds may hunt game birds with any legal weapon (see Game Bird Prohibitions, page 17), but **may only hunt big game with a bow and arrow**. Eleven-year-olds may apply in the draws if they meet the above requirements and the season where the special licence may be used does not open before the applicant is 12 years old.

14 Years and Over. All persons under 16 years of age must have the written permission of their parent or guardian to purchase a recreational hunting licence. First-time hunters may be required to pass a hunter-competency test prior to applying for or obtaining a recreational hunting licence. A first-time hunter is a person who has not previously held a recreational hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere.

NOTE: Persons are considered to have passed a hunter competency test if they have, in Alberta or elsewhere, passed an equivalent test or successfully completed a hunter education course.

Non-residents or Non-resident Aliens are exempt from the first-time hunter test requirement if they hunt while accompanied by a Class C Guide or a Designated Guide. If you do not meet the above criteria but wish to obtain hunting licences, please contact your district Alberta Environment office (see page 14).

Resident Youth Hunting Licences

Subject to the age limitations and conditions above, a resident 12 to 17

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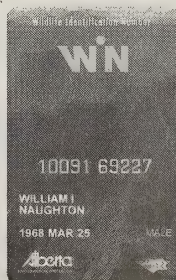
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Andrew	Clive	Grande Prairie (7)	Myrnam	Stettler
Andrew Lake	Coaldale	Grimshaw (2)	Nanton	Stony Plain (3)
Ardmore	Cochrane	Gunn	Neerlandia	Strathmore (2)
Ashmont	Cold Lake (7)	Hanna (3)	Nisku	Strome
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The price of a **Wildlife Certificate** is \$22.85, and is distributed as follows: 1) \$16.85 levy to the Alberta Conservation Association for its Buck for Wildlife, Wildlife Enhancement and Wildlife Support Programs, and 2) \$6.00 transaction fee to ISM to finance the administration of the licensing system.

A portion of the price of each **hunting licence** is a levy established by the Alberta Conservation Association to help finance wildlife rehabilitation programs and the enhancement of other wildlife management programs. Another portion goes to General Revenue and the remainder is a transaction fee to finance the administration of the licensing system. These portions vary from licence to licence. For complete information on fee break down, contact Licensing and Revenue Services at (780) 427-6729.

Mobility-impaired Hunters

Eligible individuals may obtain a special permit or licence relating to off-highway vehicle use and bow and arrow equipment. Contact an Alberta Environment office (page 14) for more information.

Mandatory Hunter Testing

A person, whose right to hold a recreational hunting licence has been suspended as a result of a conviction, is required to pass a hunter-competency test before obtaining another recreational hunting licence. This test, which differs from the test given to first-time hunters, must be taken after the beginning of the suspension period. Mandatory hunter testing is intended to increase outdoor safety, awareness, skills and efficiency and to develop responsible attitudes in the field.

Dates and times for testing are available at Alberta Environment offices (page 14).

Draws for Special Licences

When demand for hunting opportunities becomes excessive, season length and bag limits are often insufficient to conserve a game resource or to

ensure a quality hunting experience. In such cases, Alberta Environment conducts lotteries or draws among eligible applicants for a limited number of special licences. Special licences allow successful applicants to hunt a specific type of game (e.g., antlerless elk) in defined areas during a specified season.

Only Residents and, to a lesser extent, Non-residents (Canadian) are eligible to apply in these draws. A non-refundable \$3.04 (plus GST) levy is charged for each application or group of applicants (maximum of four) for the same draw. This levy goes to the Alberta Conservation Association for its Buck for Wildlife Program.

Although draws are used for specific wildlife management purposes (e.g., the goal in antlered mule deer draw areas is to develop a more balanced age structure in the herd by controlling the kill of bucks), other benefits include improved hunter success, increased opportunity to harvest a trophy animal, a more pleasant hunting experience with lower hunter densities, reduced disturbance of landowners, and a better distribution of the harvest.

Draw Application Deadline Dates — Hunters interested in special licence hunts for fall 2000 must have applied by June 28. The application deadline for the 2001 spring grizzly bear and Merriam's turkey hunts is January 31, 2001. Refer to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for more information on how to apply for these draws.

Hunters interested in the draw seasons for 2001, should obtain the *2001 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet and apply during the month of June, 2001.

Draw Results — Written notification of your draw results are sent in the mail. However, beginning July 12, you may call **1-900-451-DRAW** (\$0.75 for each minute) to determine your success in the draws. All you need is a touch-tone telephone and your WIN. Results for antelope draws are available August 9.

For information on the Draws for Special Licences, call 1-888-289-0999, toll free.

Landowner Special Licence

A person who qualifies may be eligible to obtain a special licence after having been unsuccessful in some draws. Availability of Landowner Special Licences may be limited for some species in certain WMUs. Those available will be issued to eligible persons on a first-come first-served basis. For details on eligibility and the application process, please consult the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

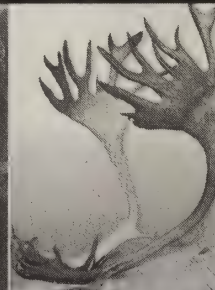
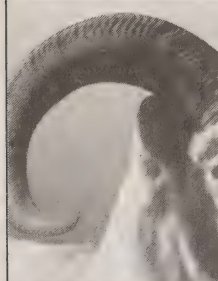
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Outfitting and Guiding Requirements for Non-residents (Canadian) and Non- resident Aliens

(see Definitions on pages 10 to 11).

There is no requirement for non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien game bird hunters to contract their **game bird** hunts through a Bird Game Outfitter-guide. However, those who do choose to hire an outfitter-guide for such a hunt must do so through the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit.

Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien hunters of **big game, wolf and coyote must be accompanied by a licensed guide**. Each of these hunters has two options:

- 1) he or she may contract the holder of a valid Outfitter-guide Permit, be guided by a Designated Guide, and hunt under the authority of a licence allocated to an outfitter-guide, **OR**
- 2) he or she may be accompanied by a Class C Guide (see below) – usually a relative or friend – and hunt according to the following restrictions and conditions:
 - Non-resident Aliens may hunt with a Class C Guide only if they have not done so in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 - March 31).
 - Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens are limited to certain licences as indicated in the Licence Availability sections on pages 24 to 25.
 - Non-resident Aliens accompanied by Class C Guides may hunt big game only during seasons that do not require one of the special licences, obtained through a draw, indicated by a ■ in the season tables on pages 40 to 51 or listed under Additional Special Licence Draw Hunts on page 52.
 - Non-resident Aliens and their intended Class C Guides must apply at Alberta Environment for their licences and make a statutory declaration that they understand the terms and conditions of the licences (see Class C Guide's Licence on this page).
 - Non-resident Aliens must not hunt bighorn sheep, cougar or trophy antelope while accompanied by Class C Guides.
 - **Further Restrictions for Non-resident Aliens Who are Not Relatives of the Class C Guide or the Guide's Spouse**
 - ▶ Relatives are defined as father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandfather, grandson, son-in-law, brother-in-law (and female equivalents) of the guide or spouse of the guide,
 - ▶ The Non-resident Alien and intended Class C Guide, if not related, must initiate an application at Alberta Environment for their licences, described above, by **August 31** of the licence year, or by the following **February 28** for the spring black bear hunt.
 - ▶ The Non-resident Alien may apply to hunt only two (2) species of big game.

A Class C Guide

- Must be an adult resident.
- Must be the holder of a valid Class C Guide's Licence (below).
- **may not guide for gain or reward, or accept remuneration, directly or indirectly, for such services.**

- may accompany a maximum of two (2) hunters/year, either Non-residents (Canadian), Non-resident Aliens or a combination thereof. If guiding 2 Non-resident Aliens, at least 1 must be a relative.
- may accompany Non-resident Aliens only if the guide has not guided a Non-resident Alien in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 to March 31).
- must report to Alberta Environment by December 31 in the year of harvest, all animals killed by the Non-resident Aliens he or she accompanied.

Class C Guide's Licence

A resident who wishes to be a Class C Guide must purchase a Class C Guide's Licence at any private licence issuer. You must have the WIN(s) of the hunter(s) you intend to guide at the time of purchase. You must ensure that the hunters you guide are named on your Class C Guide's Licence. If you purchase your guide licence naming one hunter and you decide to add a second hunter to your licence at a later date, you can do so at no additional charge. Return to a private licence issuer with your licence and have it amended.

Once you have purchased your Class C Guide's Licence, the hunters may purchase their licences.

A resident who wishes to accompany a **Non-resident Alien** as a Class C Guide must do the following:

1. Go to an Alberta Environment office (see page 14) and initiate an application (including statutory declaration). Sign it and have your signature sworn. If your Non-resident Alien is not a relative, you must start this process by August 31 or February 28 as described above.
2. Have the Non-resident Alien sign the application and have his or her signature sworn. (If the Non-resident Alien does not have a WIN, have him fill out a WIN application at the same time.)
3. Take the completed application to the Alberta Environment office. The application will be reviewed for final approval and keyed into the automated licensing system.
4. When you are notified that your application is approved, go to any private licence issuer and purchase your Class C Guide's Licence (see above) and the appropriate certificates and licences.



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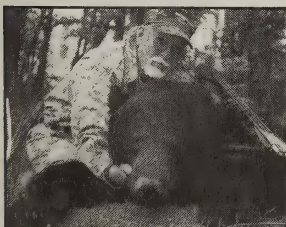
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Resident Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate which costs \$22.85 (or \$6.25 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 18). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	31.75	A Resident may obtain only 1 of these 3 licences.	A Resident may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 17, but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Youth White-tailed Deer	6.25		
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	31.75		
Mule Deer	31.75	A Resident may obtain only 1 of these 3 licences.	
Youth Mule Deer	6.25		
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	31.75		
Elk	31.75	A Resident may obtain only 1 of these 6 licences.	
WMU 300 Elk Special Licence	31.75		
Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence	31.75		
Cypress Hills Elk Archery ¹	31.75		
Antlerless Elk Special Licence	31.75		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	31.75		
Moose	31.75	A Resident may obtain only 1 of these 5 licences.	
Antlered Moose Special Licence	31.75		
Antlerless Moose Special Licence	31.75		
Calf Moose Special Licence	31.75		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	10.00		
Trophy Sheep	48.59	A Resident who killed a sheep, except a legal non-trophy sheep, in 1999 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Licence in 2000.	A Resident may obtain only 1 of these 3 licences.
WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	48.59		
WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	48.59		
Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence	25.08	None	A Resident may obtain 1 of each of these 13 licences.
Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence	16.00		
Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer ²	16.75		
Strathcona White-tailed Deer	16.00		
Foothills Deer ³	16.00		
Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (issued to a youth)	17.00 (6.00)		
Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248)	8.50		
Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence	35.49		
WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery	16.75		
Black Bear	13.25		
Supplemental Black Bear ⁴	13.25		
Grizzly Bear Special Licence	48.59		
Cougar	48.59		

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Antelope Archery Special Licence	48.59	None	A Resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.
Trophy Antelope Special Licence	48.59		
Bowhunting Permit	7.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Class C Guide's Licence	25.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint ¹	4.00		
Replacement WIN Card	4.00		

- ¹ This licence is not valid during the Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence season for rifles.
- ² This licence is only valid in the following WMUs: 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220-228, 258, 260, 300-312, 322, 324, 332, 334, 337, 338, 348, 500-505, 507, 508.
- ³ When hunting under the authority of this licence, hunters must carry written permission to hunt from a landowner involved.
- ⁴ This licence is only valid in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.
- ⁵ A statutory declaration must be completed at an Alberta Environment office (see page 14).

Special Licences (listed above) are available only through draws which occurred in June of this year (except grizzly bear and Merriam's turkey, see page 20). Please refer to the *2001 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet in June 2001 for information on how to apply in these draws next year.

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Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability

All Non-resident hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require a Designated Guide or a Class C Guide. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21.

Non-residents who hunt with a Class C Guide may obtain Antlered White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear, Supplemental Black Bear, Cougar, and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from private licence issuers. Some special licences may be obtained through the draw system that will be described in the 2001 *Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet available in June 2001.

Non-residents contracting a hunt with an Outfitter-guide may obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their Outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-residents using the services of an Outfitter-guide must be guided by a Designated Guide.

Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs \$22.85. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

All **special** licences shown in the following table are available through an Outfitter-guide. Some are also available through the draw system.

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Antlered White-tailed Deer	118.23	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 8, but not more than 1 licence for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence ¹	118.23		
Antlered Mule Deer	118.23	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence ¹	118.23		
Antlered Elk	130.97	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Elk Special Licence ¹	130.97		
Antlered Moose	130.97	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Moose Special Licence ¹	130.97		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence ^{1,2}	309.85	A Non-resident who killed a sheep in 1999 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2000.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 3.
Wolf/Coyote	10.00	See <i>page 52</i> for dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence ³	177.25	None	
Black Bear Licence	60.59	A Non-resident accompanied by a Class C Guide may obtain both of these licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 2. However, Non-residents purchasing 1 of these two licences may not purchase a Black Bear Special Licence.
Supplemental Black Bear Licence ⁴	60.59		
Black Bear Special Licence ⁵	60.59	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an Outfitter-guide.	Non-residents purchasing this licence may not purchase a Black Bear Licence or a Supplemental Black Bear Licence.
Cougar	130.97	Non-residents hunting with a Class C Guide.	1 licence only from this list of 2.
Cougar Special Licence	130.97	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	
Bowhunting Permit	14.25	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint ⁶	4.00		

¹ These licences are available through the draw system or through an outfitter-guide. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (at the top of this page) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21).

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- 2 Non-resident Trophy Sheep Special Licences are available through Class S Outfitter-guides or through a draw. Only 2 licences are available through a draw, and each hunter successful in the draw must be accompanied by a Class C Guide.
- 3 Non-resident Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available through an outfitter-guide or through a draw. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (page 24) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21).
- 4 This licence is valid only in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841. Please see page 37 for more information.
- 5 These licences are valid for 2 black bears if bought with an allocation valid for a WMU where the Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid (i.e., 2-bear areas).
- 6 A Statutory declaration must be completed at an Alberta Environment office (see page 14).

Non-resident Alien Licence Availability

All Non-resident Alien hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require either a Designated Guide **or** a Class C Guide. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21.

Non-resident Aliens who hunt with a Class C Guide may obtain Antlered White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear Special Licences and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from licence issuers. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21 for a summary of the circumstances under which these licences may be used and the limitations that apply.

Non-resident Aliens contracting a hunt with an Outfitter-guide must obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their Outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-resident Aliens using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Designated Guide.

Non-resident Alien Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs \$22.85. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	182.68 ¹	None	A Non-resident Alien may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 9.
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	182.68 ¹		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	247.77 ¹		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	247.77 ¹		
Black Bear Special Licence ²	75.89 ¹		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence ³	309.85 ¹	A Non-resident Alien who killed a sheep in 1999 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2000.	
Cougar Special Licence ³	247.77 ¹	None	
Wolf/Coyote Licence	10.00 ¹	See page 52 for wolf and coyote season dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence ³	222.77 ¹	None	
Bowhunting Permit	21.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint ⁴	4.00		

¹ If purchased through an Outfitter-guide, or the Alberta Professional Outfitter Society, an additional service fee is charged.

² This licence is valid for 2 black bears where the Resident and Non-resident (Canadian) Supplemental Black Bear Licences are valid (2-bear areas).

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- ³ Trophy Sheep, Cougar and Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available to Non-resident Aliens only through an Outfitter-guide.
- ⁴ A statutory declaration must be completed at an Alberta Environment office (see page 14).

GAME BIRD LICENCES

In addition to a WIN and a Wildlife Certificate, game bird hunters require:

- a Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl;
- a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence and a Game Bird Licence to hunt Merriam's turkey.

(NOTE: Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are available only through a draw. See page 54 for more information.)

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Licence Costs

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate. The Wildlife Certificate costs \$22.85 (or \$6.25 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 18). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

Game Bird Licence	Costs (\$)		
	Resident	Non-resident (Canadian)	Non-resident Alien
Game Bird	8.46	29.51	105.89
3-Day Game Bird	Not Applicable	20.25	75.58
Pheasant	12.15	18.18	18.18
Merriam's Turkey Special Licence ¹	23.51	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Bowhunting	7.00	14.25	21.00
Licence Reprint	2.00	2.00	2.00
Tag Reprint ³	4.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit ²	17.00	17.00	17.00

¹ Available only through a draw, page 54.

² Available at Post Offices and certain private licence issuers. See Alberta Environment web site (page 14).

³ A statutory declaration must be completed at an Alberta Environment office (see page 14).

FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

The following article is a summary interpretation of some of the federal firearms legislation as it pertains to sport hunting. **Canadian hunters please note that certain federal requirements affecting the licensing of firearms owners and the registration of firearms are about to come into effect.** For further information about federal firearms laws and regulations, contact your local police service, or the Canadian Firearms Centre — telephone toll free, 1-800-731-4000, or visit the centre's web site (<http://www.canadianfirearms.com>).

Federal regulations allow the use of firearms for specified activities that include hunting. The possession of a loaded firearm is lawful, however, only in a location where the firearm may be discharged in accordance with any applicable federal and provincial acts and regulations, and municipal bylaws.

Possession Licence for Minors

A person 12 to 17 years of age must obtain a Minor's Licence to use non-restricted firearms, such as rifles and shotguns, for hunting, target practice, firearms instruction or taking part in an organized shooting competition. The parent or legal guardian of the minor must give consent to the issuing of the licence. Note: a minor's licence does not permit the holder to acquire (buy, inherit, receive as a gift or take in trade) firearms. A licence is not required if a person, lawfully in possession of a firearm,

allows a minor to use the firearm, in the same manner as the person is allowed to use it, and the minor is under the person's immediate supervision.

Transportation of Firearms

A person who is authorized to have a non-restricted firearm may transport the firearm in a vehicle if the firearm is unloaded. A person may transport a non-restricted firearm by other means of conveyance (e.g., on an off-highway vehicle) provided it is unloaded and it is not left unattended if the vehicle cannot be locked.

Bringing Firearms into Canada

All firearms must be declared upon entry into Canada. Starting January 1, 2001, Canada Customs will require the declaration to be made in writing and will charge a fee of \$50. This declaration will be valid for 60 days. All **pistols, revolvers and automatic firearms** are restricted or prohibited weapons and may not be brought into Canada for hunting purposes.

Storage of Non-restricted Firearms

If a firearm is left in an unattended vehicle, the firearm must be secured in a locked trunk or similar compartment. If the vehicle has no such compartment, the firearm must be stored in the vehicle out of sight (not visible from outside the vehicle), and the vehicle or compartment

containing the firearm must be securely locked. A person must store a firearm unloaded and in a secured manner to ensure that it will not be readily available for use in a careless manner.

Unloaded Firearm

Unloaded, as it relates to a firearm, means that any propellant powder, projectile or cartridge that is capable of being discharged from the firearm

is not contained in the breech or firing chamber or in a cartridge magazine attached to or inserted into the firearm.

The only exemptions are muzzle-loading, non-restricted firearms (e.g., a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading shotgun that is lawful for hunting under the Wildlife Act) which may be transported loaded between hunting sites provided that the firing cap or flint is removed.

EXPORTING

Alberta Export Permit

All big game, game birds, and furbearing animals require a provincial export permit (**\$20.00**) when they are to be conveyed beyond the borders of Alberta, except when they are exported under the following conditions:

Hunters, who lawfully harvest game birds, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, pronghorn antelope or black bear* under the authority of a hunting licence, may export those species without an Alberta export permit if

- the export occurs within 30 days of the date the animal was killed or within 5 days of the close of the season, whichever occurs first, and
- the shipment is accompanied by the hunter who killed the animal, and
- the appropriate licence is carried by the hunter who killed the animal being exported.

* Alberta prohibits the export of gall bladder and paws of black bear. You may export red meat, hide with claws attached, head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. See CITES Export Permit below.

Note: United States migratory bird hunting regulations state that it is unlawful for a person to import into the United States migratory game birds belonging to another person.

For further information on the export of wildlife contact an Alberta Environment office (page 14).

CITES Export Permit

Persons exporting cougar, grizzly bear or wolf to points outside Canada must obtain an export permit issued in accordance with the Convention on

International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES). In addition, provincial export permits must be obtained for exporting these species. All black bear require CITES export permits, except for those exported by United States hunters as noted on this page. Black bears do not require the provincial export permit if they are exported as described in the section above.

U.S. Black Bear Hunters – A CITES export permit is no longer required for U.S. hunters to take their black bear hunting trophy in a fresh, frozen or salted condition, back home at the conclusion of their hunt. The trophy must be part of the accompanying baggage of the hunter who killed the animal. This exemption does not apply to taxidermized trophies. All provincial export requirements still apply (see Alberta Export Permit section) and the trophy and documentation must be presented to Customs at the border when the hunters exit. Only the following parts of black bear may be exported: red meat, the hide with claws still attached, the head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. Alberta prohibits the export of the gall bladder or paws of black bear. Note that the CITES permit exemption for fresh black bear trophies applies only to U.S. hunters returning home and not to other hunters. An individual must not sell or dispose of the black bear within 90 days after the date on which the CITES exemption is claimed.

Other circumstances for Black Bear: Claws of black bear may not be exported from Alberta if they are separated from the whole skin. Partial skins of black bear that are processed (tanned or otherwise permanently preserved), black bear skulls with teeth attached (when not being shipped with a hunter returning home as described above) or taxidermized black bear skins may still be exported but only under a provincial export permit with a CITES permit. An unprocessed black bear skin that is not part of a returning hunter's baggage may still be shipped but requires both provincial and CITES export permits.

SALE OF WILDLIFE

The selling, buying, bartering, soliciting or trading in wildlife or wildlife parts, or offering to do so, is regulated under the *Wildlife Act* and Regulations. Many transactions are strictly prohibited, while others are regulated. For further information, please contact an Alberta Environment office (page 14).

FOUND DEAD WILDLIFE

When driving or walking, hunters often find dead wildlife that they would like to keep. It is unlawful to possess such wildlife or parts of wildlife without first obtaining a permit. To apply for such a permit, contact an Alberta Environment office.

HUNTING PRIVILEGES ON OCCUPIED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LAND

Access to Public and Private Lands

Except under authority of a Game Bird Shooting Ground Licence, it is unlawful to directly or indirectly buy or sell, trade or barter, or offer to buy or sell access to any land for the purpose of hunting any big game, furbearing animals or game birds.

Hunting on occupied lands without permission is a problem in Alberta. It generates anti-hunting sentiment among landowners and results in the prosecution of more than 200 hunters each year. **Hunters should have permission to access any private land, regardless of whether signs are posted or the land is occupied.** They should leave gates as they find

them, avoid damaging facilities or property, avoid disturbing livestock and establish friendly relations with landholders.

Although there is a moral obligation to pursue wounded game and a legal requirement to ensure game is retrieved and not wasted or abandoned, these obligations do not over-ride the legal requirement to get permission to enter private land.

Three pieces of legislation regulate access to such lands: the provincial *Wildlife Act* and *Petty Trespass Act*, and the federal Criminal Code. The following information is a summary of how this legislation provides

control over unauthorized access, and hunting or discharging firearms on or over certain private and public lands.

Wildlife Act

Section 40 of the *Wildlife Act* specifies that no person shall hunt wildlife or discharge firearms on or over occupied lands, or enter onto such lands for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant.

The *Wildlife Act* defines "occupied lands" as follows:

- privately owned lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence of any kind and not exceeding one section in area on which the owner or occupant actually resides, and
- any other privately owned land that is within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the section referred to in clause (a) and that is owned or leased by the same owner or occupant.

The occupied lands described in the above legislation do not need to be posted with signs to receive protection under Section 40 of the *Wildlife Act*.

The black area in the map (right) shows an example of nine square miles of land that could contain land falling within the definition of "occupied lands."

31	32	33	34	35	36
30	29	28	27	26	25
19	20	21	22	21	20
18	17	16	15	14	13
7	8	9	10	11	12
6	5	4	3	2	1

■ Potentially Occupied Lands
X Residence

Petty Trespass Act

The *Petty Trespass Act* specifies that where one has been notified not to trespass (by word of mouth or in writing or by posters or sign boards), it is unlawful to trespass upon

- any privately owned land, or
- public land subject to any disposition granted under the *Public Lands Act*, except a grazing lease or grazing permit.

Federal Criminal Code

The *Criminal Code* (Section 41) provides that a person in peaceable

possession of real property can require a trespasser to vacate the property.

NOTE: A court decision has determined that a grazing lessee can require a hunter to vacate the property under lease.

Access for Guiding

A Class C Guide, Big Game Designated Guide or Bird Game Designated Guide, when guiding on any privately held land, requires permission authorizing access from the landholder for conducting those guiding services on that land. Such a guide is required to carry on his person the landholder's name, address (or legal land location of landholder's residence) and telephone number.

Access for Control of Livestock Predation

Black Bear and Coyote*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) black bear or coyote on such lands, at all times of the year.

Timber Wolf*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf on such lands, and on any lands within 8 km (5 mi.) of the above lands, provided he or she also has the right of access to these latter lands.

* It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of furbearing animals (includes coyote and wolf) taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife. Please refer to page 52 for information about seasons for coyote and wolf.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Alberta has a variety of restricted areas. Please read the following sections carefully to determine how the various designations affect hunting opportunities.

ALL HUNTING

Wildlife Sanctuaries

Sanctuaries are intended to provide secure habitat for wildlife and thus allow populations to increase to, and remain at desired levels. They include areas of high quality habitat, often where populations of some wildlife species have been significantly lowered or dispersed because of disturbance at some time in the past. Sanctuary status allows these areas to realize their potential to support wildlife and to act as core areas of production for animals that will disperse to surrounding areas. It also increases the opportunities for Albertans to view wildlife.

NOTE: Privately owned lands within wildlife sanctuaries are excluded from the sanctuaries.

The following regulations apply to the specific sanctuaries listed in Parts 1 and 2 below:

Part 1 – Sheep River and Camp 1 Wildlife Sanctuaries

It is unlawful to hunt wildlife or discharge or possess a weapon within Sheep River (WMU 406) and Camp 1 (WMU 438) Wildlife Sanctuaries.

However, a person may, while crossing these sanctuaries, possess a weapon that (a) is completely enclosed in a case or other suitable covering or has been taken apart, and (b) in the case of a firearm, does not contain ammunition.

Part 2 – Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries

It is unlawful to hunt within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the road in a designated road corridor wildlife sanctuary (a corridor 730 m or 800 yards wide). No person shall possess a weapon in these sanctuaries unless

- while crossing the sanctuary, the weapon is in a condition described in Part 1 above, or
- while crossing the sanctuary on horseback or on foot, the weapon, if it is a firearm, does not contain ammunition and the person is travelling in a direct route to leave the road corridor wildlife sanctuary.

There are 11 road corridor wildlife sanctuaries, shown in green on the enclosed WMU map. Eight are located in the Mountain and Foothills regions (no. 9 has been eliminated) and three in the Boreal Region. Descriptions of the Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries are as follows:

Mountain and Foothills

- Highwood – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
 - Highway 40 between the southern boundary of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park and Secondary Road 541,

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- (b) Secondary Road 541 between Highway 40 and the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve;
2. Harold Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of the road locally known as the Harold Creek Road between the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve and Secondary Road 734;
3. Eagle Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of the road locally known as the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch Road between Eagle Creek and the ranch headquarters buildings;
4. Elk Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Idlewilde Creek and the road locally known as the Peppers Lake Road;
5. Ram Falls – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between the Ram River and the road locally known as the Onion Lake Road;
6. North Ram – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 that is in Township 38, Range 15, West of the 5th Meridian and north of the North Ram River;
7. Kootenay Plains – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Highway 11 between Allstones Creek and the eastern boundary of Banff National Park;
8. Highway 40/Little Smoky/Simonette – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
 - (a) that portion of Highway 40 between the Berland River and the Muskeg River,
 - (b) the road locally known as the Huckleberry Tower Road,
 - (c) that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Highway 40 and its junction with the Grande Cache Forest Products Haul Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline,
 - (d) the Grande Cache Forest Products Haul Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline in Townships 57 and 58, Ranges 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, West of the 6th Meridian,
 - (e) that portion of the Grande Cache Forest Products Haul Road locally known as the Ghost Mainline in Townships 57, 58, 59 and 60, Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, West of the 6th Meridian,
 - (f) the Grande Cache Forest Products Haul Road locally known as the Simonette Mainline in Townships 58 and 59, Ranges 3 and 4, West of the 6th Meridian;

Boreal Region

10. Whitemud Hills – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Whitemud Hills Haul Road from Highway 35 to the western boundary of Section 14, Township 85, Range 2, West of the 6th Meridian;
11. Sulphur Lake – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Sulphur Lake Haul Road from the southeast corner of Township 88, Range 1, West of the 6th Meridian to its junction with the road locally known as the Canfor East Road in Township 89, Range 3, West of the 6th Meridian;
12. Peace River Pulp Mill/Sun Valley Ferry – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
 - (a) the Peace River Pulp Road between Secondary Road 686 and the Peace River Pulp Mill in Township 85, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian,
 - (b) the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Peace River Pulp Resource Road between Secondary Road 686 and the Sun Valley Ferry crossing of the Peace River in Township 90, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian,
 - (c) that portion of Secondary Road 686 between its junctions with roads referred to in (a) and (b).

Seasonal Sanctuaries

No person shall approach within 800 metres (0.5 mile) of any of the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15.

1. The island known as Pelican Island in Newell Lake in Township 17, Range 15, W4M;

2. The unnamed island in Namur Lake in Sections 35 and 36, Township 97, Range 17, W4M;
3. The unnamed islands in Wadlin Lake in Township 100, Range 10 and 11, W5M;
4. The unnamed island in Beaverhill Lake in Section 5, Township 52, Range 17, W4M;
5. The unnamed island in the unnamed lake in Section 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 95, Range 17, W4M;
6. The unnamed island in Scope Reservoir in LSD 2 and 3, Section 10, Township 13, Range 14, W4M;

No person shall enter the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15:

1. That portion of the unnamed island in Lower Therien Lake in the NW Quarter of Section 14, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
2. That portion of Lower Therien Lake in Section 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
3. The unnamed islands in the Slave River in the SW Quarter of Section 30, Township 126, Range 10, W4M, and the SE Quarter of Section 25 Township 126, Range 11, W4M;
4. The island known as Bird Island in Buffalo Lake in Section 30, Township 40, Range 20, W4M;
5. The unnamed island in Joseph Lake in Section 12, Township 50, Range 22, W4M.

Métis Settlements

In general, only a member of a Métis Settlement Association, formed under the *Métis Settlements Act*, may hunt or trap wildlife on a Métis Settlement. Hunting by non-members may be authorized under settler by-laws.

Natural Areas

Natural areas are special parcels of public land that are formally set aside by the Alberta Government to protect sensitive and scenic land from disturbance. Natural areas fall in the middle of the range of conservation lands in Alberta, between strictly protected lands – such as ecological reserves and provincial parks – and lands intensively developed for recreation. The main objective of natural areas management is to maintain the natural features and characteristics of the site. Development of any facilities is kept to a minimum.

Generally, hunting is permitted in most natural areas. However, there are some sites with special management or safety considerations that restrict hunting and access (e.g., Wagner Natural Area, Riverlot 56, and Sherwood Park Natural Area near Edmonton).

For further information about a specific site or the Natural Areas Program contact the Information Centre in Edmonton or a local office of Alberta Environment (see page 14).

Ecological Reserves

Ecological reserves contain representative or special provincial natural features. The management intent of the reserves is to allow natural processes to occur. The *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act* prohibits hunting within ecological reserves, unless it required for management purposes to simulate natural events.

Alberta's Ecological Reserves Program is part of a larger international program to preserve natural ecosystems. Ecological reserves protect representative areas in each of the natural regions of Alberta for the conservation of genetic resources, to allow for the appreciation of nature to preserve our natural heritage, and to establish ecological benchmarks and control areas for research and education.

For further information on ecological reserves, contact the Information Centre in Edmonton or a local office of Alberta Environment (see page 14).

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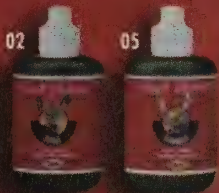
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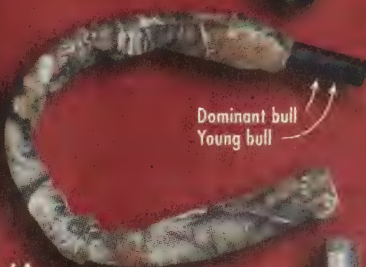
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Heritage Rangelands

Heritage rangelands are established to preserve and protect natural heritage that is representative of Alberta's grasslands, using grazing to maintain the grassland environment. Recreational use of vehicles is prohibited in heritage rangelands. Three heritage rangelands have been designated (Black Creek Heritage Rangeland in the Whaleback area of WMU 308, Twin River Heritage Rangeland west of Milk River in WMU 108 and Beaverhill Lake Heritage Rangeland in WMU 242). Additional sites are under consideration in the Red Deer River valley near Tolman Bridge, east of the Porcupine Hills near Willow Creek Provincial Park and in southeastern Alberta near Onefour. For current information on these sites, check with a local office of Alberta Environment.

Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

Except for Wildland Provincial Parks (see page 33) or for the limited seasons provided in WMUs 624 (Cypress Hills Provincial Park), 936 (Blackfoot Recreation Area) and 841 (Lakeland Recreation Area), it is unlawful to hunt, or to carry or discharge a firearm in a provincial park or recreation area. Firearms must be unloaded, encased or dismantled, and out of sight.

Forest Recreation Areas

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within a forest recreation area. It is also unlawful to "dress" a big game animal within a forest recreation area.

Kananaskis Country

Hunters are reminded that other people use Kananaskis Country trails and camping areas for recreational purposes. Discharging and handling of firearms must be done with care and respect for the safety of others. Access to some areas may be affected when recreational trails and roads for industrial use are temporarily closed. For further information, contact Alberta Environment in Kananaskis Country.

National Parks

Hunting is prohibited in national parks, and hunters should be especially careful about their locations when hunting near park boundaries. Firearms are prohibited in national parks except on through highways and in town sites, where they must be unloaded and encased.

Other Restricted Areas

Except for the special seasons provided in WMUs 728 and 730, hunting is not permitted in the following areas:

- Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (WMU 726),
- Canadian Forces Base Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730),
- Canadian Forces Base Suffield (WMU 732),
- Ghost River Wilderness Area (WMU 734),
- Greene Valley Wildlife Management Unit (WMU 926),
- Siffleur Wilderness Area (WMU 736),
- White Goat Wilderness Area (WMU 738), and
- within 91 m (100 yards) of Highway 1 or Highway 1A in WMU 410.

BIG GAME HUNTING

The hunting of big game is not permitted in the following areas:

- the Gregg River Resources Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438, and
- the Cardinal River Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438, except for non-trophy sheep under the authority of a Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence.

Saskatoon Mountain Primitive Weapons Area

Only shotguns, muzzle-loaders and archery equipment may be used to hunt big game in this area in WMU 357 near Grande Prairie (see enclosed 2000 Wildlife Management Unit Map).

Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep

It is unlawful to hunt trophy or non-trophy sheep within the following area:

- 183 m (200 yards) of the Canada Cement rock quarry at Exshaw.
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 1A between the western boundary of the Stoney Indian Reserve and Canmore,
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 3,
- 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the Sheep River from the eastern boundary of WMU 406 upstream to Dyson Creek,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the Inland Cement Rock Quarry near Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the intersection of Whitehorse Creek and the main forestry trunk road south of Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of where Highway 16 intersects the eastern boundary of Jasper National Park,
- 3.2 km (2.0 mi.) of the intersection of the Forestry Trunk Road and the South Ram River in Section 18, Township 36, Range 13, West of the Fifth Meridian,

GAME BIRD HUNTING

Game Bird Sanctuaries

Hunting game birds and carrying shotguns are prohibited in game bird sanctuaries except with a special permit. Descriptions of these sanctuaries are available from the Queen's Printer in Edmonton or Calgary (page 12). Game bird sanctuaries are located in the following WMUs:

WMU	Sanctuary	WMU	Sanctuary
102	Pakowki Lake	242	Ministik Lake
148	Many Island Lake	242	Miquelon Lake
212	Inglewood	357	Saskatoon Lake
220	Red Deer	512	Lac La Biche
238	Birch Lake	530	Richardson Lake

Restricted Rivers

Hunting of migratory game birds on the following rivers, over any islands on these rivers or within 91 m (100 yards) of the edge of the waters of these rivers is prohibited until November 1:

1. Bow River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Calgary to Highway 24.
2. Little Smoky River downstream from Highway 43.
3. Peace River.
4. Red Deer River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Red Deer.
5. Smoky River downstream from the mouth of the Wapiti River.
6. South Saskatchewan River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Medicine Hat.

Restricted Lakes

Hunting game birds on the following lakes, over any island in these lakes or within 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of the edge of the waters of these lakes is prohibited until November 1 (Note additional restrictions below for Saskatoon Lake and Ministik Lake). Efforts are made to post signs near these lakes, but not all lakes may be so identified. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the restrictions in the area he or she hunts.

Prairie WMUs

- 160 Little Fish Lake (28-16,17-W4)
- 162 Berry Creek Reservoir (Carolside Dam) (26,27-12-W4)
- 162 Blood Indian Creek Reservoir (26-9-W4)
- 162 Birkenshire Lake (23,24-28-11-W4)
- 163 Currant Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Grassy Island Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Misty Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Sounding Creek Reservoir (30-5,6-W4)
- 164 Fitzgerald Lake (3,4-33-8-W4)

164 Kirkpatrick Lake (33,34-9,10-W4)
 164 Rushmere Lake (33-8-W4)
 164 Syson Lake (35-12,13-W4)
 164 Grays Lake (28,32,33-32-7-W4)
 164 Wiste Lake (2,11-33-7-W4)
 164 Unnamed Lake (23 to 27-33-8-W4)
 164 Unnamed Lake (31,32-33-8-W4)
 164 Polly Lake (7-31-1-W4)
 164 Willowbend Reservoir (K-B Lake) (1-31-13-W4)
 166 Dowling Lake (31,32-14,15-W4)
 166 Sullivan Lake (34 to 37-14,15-W4)

Parkland WMUs

200 Sounding Lake (36,37-3,4-W4)
 202 Armstrong Lake (42-10-W4)
 202 Unnamed Lake (8,9-38-10-W4)
 203 Bellshill (Goose) Lake (42-11-W4)
 206 Buffalo Lake (40,41-20,21,22-W4 except 9-40-21-W4)
 221 Cygnet Lake (38-1-W5 and 38-28-W4)
 228 Driedmeat Lake (44,45-19,20-W4)
 232 Blackburn Lake (10,11-43-10-W4)
 234 Dolcy Lake (26,35-42-4-W4)

234 Gillespie Lake (39,40-2-W4)
 234 McIntyre Lake (16,17-44-1-W4)
 236 Kenilworth Lake (50-4-W4)
 242 Beaverhill Lake (that portion lying in 50,51-17,18-W4 – approx. southern 1/2 of lake)
 242 Ministik Lake* (50-21-W4)
 242 Oliver Lake (50-21-W4)
 242 Lake 'A' (50,51-17-W4) adjacent to Beaverhill Lake
 252 Whitford Lake (56-15,16-W4)

* *Hunting of game birds in the Ministik Lake Game Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.*

Foothills WMUs

357 Saskatoon Lake* (including Little Lake) (71, 72-7,8-W6)

* *Hunting of game birds in Saskatoon Lake Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.*

Boreal WMUs

502 Stebbing Lake (63-7-W4)
 520 Winagami Lake (76,77-18,19-W5)
 522 Kimiwan Lake (78-19-W5)
 522 Lac Magloire (79-21-W5)

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

The use of vehicles, including off-highway vehicles (OHVs), is controlled by various regulations. Refer to the enclosed 2000 Wildlife Management Unit Map for more information.

 This symbol on the enclosed map indicates that special restrictions apply to all vehicles. Kananaskis Country, in WMUs 404 – 410, has a variety of special vehicle restrictions outlined in the pamphlet *Forest Land Use Zones*. For more information on the special restrictions, contact any office of Alberta Environment in Kananaskis Country.

Forest Land Use Zones (F.L.U.Z.)

F.L.U.Z. This symbol on the enclosed map identifies a number of environmentally sensitive areas along the eastern slopes that have been designated as Forest Land Use Zones and have limitations on recreational use and access. For more detailed information on Forest Land Use Zones, contact any Land and Forest Service office or the Information Centre in Edmonton (see page 14).

Heritage Rangelands

Recreational use of vehicles is prohibited in Heritage Rangelands, which are found in WMUs 108, 242 and 308.

Wildland Provincial Parks

Hunting is allowed in the 15 Wildland Provincial parks shown on the enclosed WMU map. However, special access restrictions apply to all motorized vehicles. For more detailed information, contact an Alberta Environment office (see page 14).

Hunting with Motorized Vehicles

It is unlawful to

- discharge a firearm within 46 m (50 yards) of an OHV (see definition

on page 10);

- discharge a **weapon** at antelope from within 46 m (50 yards) of a vehicle;
- use motorized travel within Willmore Wilderness Park; and
- carry a weapon (see definition on page 11) on an OHV **between 1 hour before sunrise and the following noon** during an open season for big game on public land in the following WMUs: 102-166, 200-260, 300-360, 400-446, 507, 508, 514, 521-527, 535, 537 and 841. This does not apply when the operator is on a direct route to or from a location accessible by vehicles designed for highway travel and his or her isolated campsite, and the weapons and ammunition are carried out of view in separate locked containers. Also, the restriction does not apply in a WMU when the only big game season open is a spring black bear season.

NOTE: Be aware that this restriction applies where grizzly bear seasons are open.

Recreation Trails

A number of forested areas throughout Alberta have designated recreation trails. These areas allow a variety of activities including hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Trail users and backcountry travellers should be aware of current land use restrictions. For more information on recreation trails, refer to the series of pamphlets available from any Land and Forest Service office.

Trappers' Trails

Many trails on Crown lands are created and maintained by trappers. To avoid interference with trapline operations, recreationists are urged to avoid motorized use of trails marked with signs indicating "Active Trapline," especially during trapping seasons of November through February.



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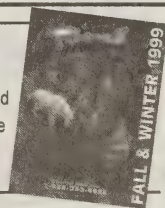
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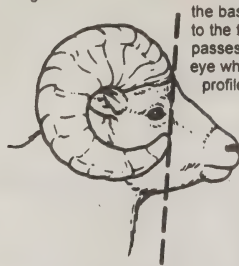


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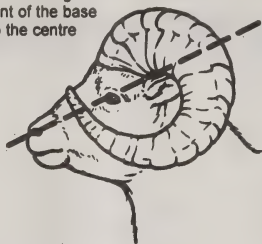
Be Careful!

Study a ram carefully when determining its trophy status. Be sure to view the ram's head from a horizontal plane and in profile, with the front of the right and left horn bases aligned. Views from below, in front, or any other perspective other than "in profile" will not provide for accurate judgement. Some rams may not be legal even if they are old or have horns severely broomed or with turned up tips.

Trophy Sheep — A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that a straight line drawn from the most anterior point of



Full-Curl Trophy Sheep — A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that when viewed in profile, its tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn from the rear-most point of the base of the horn to the centre of the nostril.



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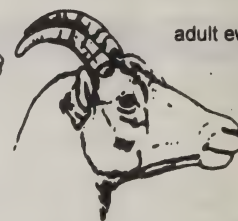


yearling ewe

Non-trophy Sheep — A female bighorn sheep or a male bighorn sheep under one year of age.

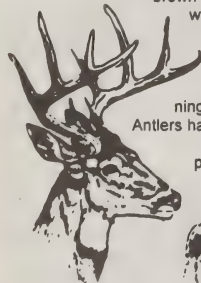


yearling ram
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adult ewe

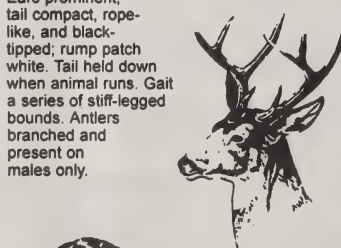
White-tailed Deer — Body color grey to reddish brown, under body white. Tail large and bushy, brown on upper surface and white on lower surface.



Tail often held erect and "flagged" when animal runs. Gait a series of short running dashes and bounds. Antlers have individual tines off main beams. Antlers present on males only.



Mule Deer — Body color grey to brownish grey, under body white. Ears prominent; tail compact, rope-like, and black-tipped; rump patch white. Tail held down when animal runs. Gait a series of stiff-legged bounds. Antlers branched and present on males only.

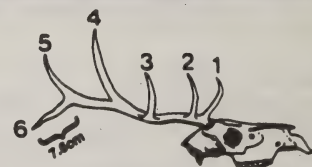


Antlered

a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

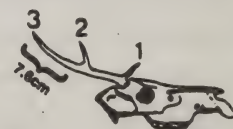
Antlerless

a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not "antlered" (as defined above).



Six-point Elk — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than five tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

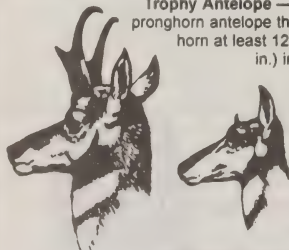
Note: The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.



Three-point Elk — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than two tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

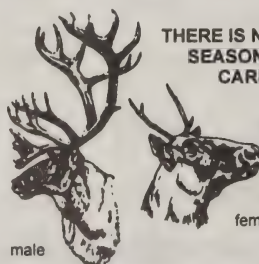
Note: The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.

Trophy Antelope — A male pronghorn antelope that has a horn at least 12.6 cm (5 in.) in length.



Non-trophy Antelope — A female pronghorn antelope or a male pronghorn antelope having horns not more than 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Woodland Caribou — Woodland Caribou are classified as endangered animals in Alberta.



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Moose

Cow — large, long nose and face; eyes appear close to top of head; rectangular body proportions; 1.8 m (6 ft.) high at the shoulder; may be found alone.

Calf — small, short nose and face; eyes appear more centred between tip of nose and top of head; squarish body proportions; 1.2 m (4 ft.) high at the shoulder; seldom found alone.



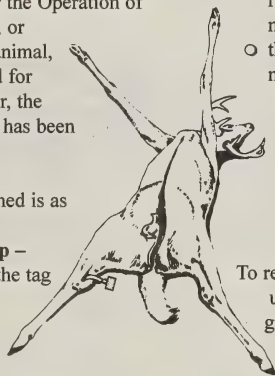
EVIDENCE OF SEX, SPECIES AND CLASS

Evidence of sex, species and class must be retained (cannot be surgically or otherwise removed) on the carcass of big game animals, except black bear, until the carcass is delivered to either of the following:

- a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the Public Health Act or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the Meat Inspection Act, or
- the usual residence of the person who killed the animal, and the carcass is butchered, cut up and packaged for consumption. In the case of grizzly bear or cougar, the evidence of sex must be retained until the animal has been registered (page 37).

The evidence of sex, species or class that must be retained is as follows:

- **moose, elk, deer, antelope and non-trophy sheep** — attached to the same part of the animal to which the tag is affixed, **one** of the following:
 - testicles, scrotum, or udder, and in the case of deer only, the completely haired tail, or
 - the head with horns or antlers attached if the



animal has horns or antlers, or

- the head (complete with the skin on it) if the animal has no horns or antlers, and
- in addition,
 - the complete skull plate with horns or antlers intact must be retained with the carcass of the male antelope, male mule deer, male elk or male non-trophy sheep
 - the complete head must be retained with the carcass of a calf moose harvested under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence.
- **grizzly bear and cougar** — one of the following attached to the skin and visible:
 - in the case of a male, the scrotum
 - in the case of a female, a teat or a portion of a mammary gland.

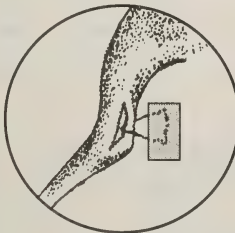
To retain the scrotum or udder, cut to one side of the scrotum or udder when opening the animal for gutting. If you skin your game, the scrotum or udder must remain attached to the meat. If you remove testicles and penis, leave the entire scrotum intact. The meat will not be tainted.

TAGGING

NOTE: Antlered moose, elk and deer must **NOT** be tagged around the antler base. Please review the following instructions.

Immediately after killing a big game animal, the appropriate tag(s) must be affixed and securely locked to the animal as follows:

- **trophy sheep** — one tag through the nostril and, as soon as the skin is removed from the skull, one tag around the lower bone of the eye socket.
- **moose, elk, deer, antelope and non-trophy sheep** — through the space between the bone and the tendon of a hind leg directly above the hock and around either the bone or the tendon.
- **bear and cougar** — to the skin.



primary licence holder must, immediately upon arriving at the carcass, tag the animal in the normal fashion (See page 61 for more information).

Tags must remain affixed until, in the case of

- **trophy sheep** — the sheep is registered (page 37) and the skin is processed.
- **moose, elk, deer, antelope or non-trophy sheep** — the carcass is delivered to the usual residence of the person who killed the animal or to a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the Public Health Act or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the Meat Inspection Act **and**, in any case, is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption.
- **bear and cougar** — the skin is processed.

Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence

Upon killing a moose, a partner must immediately inform the principle licence holder (and vice versa — if the principle licence holder kills the moose, he or she must immediately inform the partner) of the killing. The

To tag your kill using the paper tag that accompanies your licence, attach the wire loop to the animal as described above for various species and classes. Close and secure the loop by affixing the adhesive tag over the free ends of the wire.

Except for the hunting of black bear, coyote or wolf under the circumstances outlined on page 28, a Bowhunting Permit is required by anyone who hunts big game, wolf or coyote with a bow and arrow. Bowhunters with appropriate licences may hunt during the general seasons as well as archery seasons. A Bowhunting Permit is required in combination with a big game licence. In some areas of the province, hunters require special licences to hunt certain species of big game – see season tables. A hunter who obtains an Antlered Moose Special Licence,

Antlerless Moose Special Licence, Calf Moose Special Licence, Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlered Elk Special Licence or Antlerless Elk Special Licence may, if an early archery season is offered, hunt under the authority of that licence during the archery season but only in the WMU specified on the licence and only for the animal for which the licence was issued. Bowhunters are reminded that, in some situations, archery-only seasons for some species may be in progress at the same time as rifle seasons for other species in the same WMU.



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Hunters are asked to remove their tree stands at the end of the hunting seasons unless permission has been granted by the landholder to do otherwise.

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BIG GAME COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

Persons who harvest elk, grizzly bear or trophy sheep, and persons who harvest mule deer under the authority of a Landowner Special Licence or wolves in southwest Alberta WMUs, 300-316 and 400-414, must register their kills in person at an Alberta Environment office (page 14). Registration must be completed not later than 14 days after the close of the open season during which the animal was killed or 30 days after the date on which the animal was killed, whichever occurs first.

Persons who harvest cougar must register their kills in person at an Alberta Environment office (page 14) not later than two business days after the animal was killed.

Persons registering elk, grizzly bear, trophy sheep, mule deer, cougar and wolf are required to provide the following information:

- species and sex of the animal,
- date and location of the kill.

They are also required to submit the following parts of the animal at the time of registration:

- **Cougar** – skull and skin with the evidence of sex attached and visible,
- **Trophy Sheep** – complete, unaltered skull with horns and eyes intact,

- **Grizzly Bear** – skull and skin complete with evidence of sex attached and visible (page 35).

The skulls of cougar and grizzly bear should be separate from the hides. Skulls will be temporarily retained to allow cleaning, examination, and the extraction of a small tooth for aging before being returned to the hunter.

As part of the registration process, trophy sheep horns will be fitted with a permanent identification marker. Other animals may be marked in another manner or retained for examination.

Compulsory registration provides information about the relative numbers of males, females and young in big game populations. It also provides the dates and locations of the harvest. Age structure and sex ratios provide an indication of population productivity (how many young survive to become adults) and status (increasing, decreasing or stable). The population and harvest data can then be used to determine the harvest goals or quotas for following years. This valuable information, provided by hunters, is essential for managing cougar, elk, grizzly bear, trophy sheep and wolves in Alberta.

ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS!

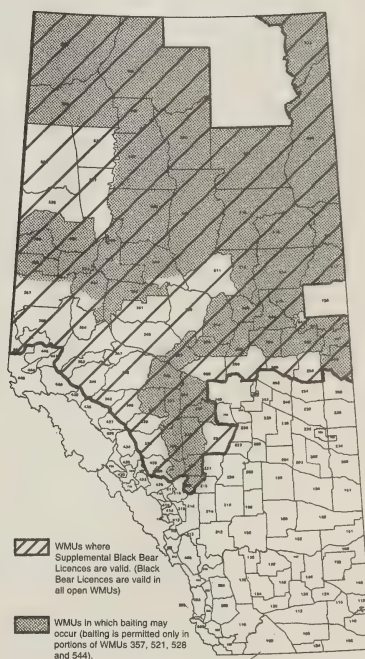
Black Bear Baiting

Baiting of black bears is permitted in the following WMUs: 320-324, 330-338, 348, 358-360, 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542, and portions of WMUs 357, 521, 528 and 544. However, the following restrictions also apply:

- 1) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of occupied dwellings. (Owners and occupants of dwellings are exempt from this restriction if they have permission to bait from the owners or occupants of all other dwellings within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of the bait. Other persons may also bait within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of an occupied dwelling if the bait has been authorized in writing by the owners or occupants of that dwelling and all other dwellings within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of the bait.)
- 2) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of provincial parks, provincial and forest recreation areas and some industrial sites.
- 3) Each bait site must have a readily observable sign legibly showing the owner's name, WIN, Outfitter-guide permit number, or Guide Designation Number.
- 4) Each bait must be posted with surrounding signs to warn other people of its presence.
- 5) Baiting is restricted to the open season and the preceding two weeks in each specific WMU.

Contact an Alberta Environment office (page 14) for legal land descriptions or more information.

Hunters are reminded that Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Livestock Diseases Act* and the *Public Health Act* apply to baiting situations. Any livestock dying other than through proper slaughter for human consumption must be disposed of in prescribed ways and may not be used for baiting bears. Containers or wrappings made of paper, cardboard, plastic or other materials should not be left at bait sites. For the safety of others, baits should not be placed near active work sites (e.g., tree planting locations) and all bait sites must be cleaned immediately after the bear season.



ATTENTION BEAR AND COUGAR HUNTERS!

Trichinosis

To prevent possible trichinosis, a parasitic infection, bear and cougar meat should be thoroughly cooked before it is consumed by humans or pets.

2000 ALBERTA HUNTERS WHO CARE FOODBANK DONATION PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who participated in 1999. This is the fourth year of our program that has seen more than 16,000 pounds of high quality deer meat donated to the Edmonton Foodbank. Please help us feed those in need again in 2000. All hunters and outfitters are encouraged to participate. The hunter guidelines and responsibilities are listed below.

* There are no extra deer tags allotted for this program. You are asked to share the harvest from any one of the general season or supplementary deer tags available.

1. Deer (whitetail or mule deer) are the only game eligible to be donated to this program.
2. Animals must be field dressed immediately after harvest. The HEART, LUNGS, and LIVER must be brought in with the carcass in an appropriate container or bag labeled with your tag number. Any abnormal growths or tissues found must also be noted and brought in to meat processor for examination.
3. If the animal is skinned it must be wrapped in a clean, porous covering (game bag, cheesecloth, clean cotton sheet, etc.) during transportation to a meat facility.
4. The carcass **MUST** be transported to a participating meat plant as quickly as possible. Under no circumstances is the time lapse to exceed 24 hours from the time of harvest. No completely frozen carcasses will be accepted for this program.
5. Deer are only eligible for this program if they were harvested in a participating WMU between Oct. 23 and Dec. 11, 2000 during the regular general seasons.
6. No gut shot animals or carcasses obviously contaminated with feces will be accepted for donation under this program. It is essential for the program that only the best quality game meat be provided.
7. The deer must have been harvested in one of these WMU's in order to be donated to the program: 200, 202, 203, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 330, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 346, 348, 504, 506, 508, 728, 730, 936.
8. The only participating meat facilities are listed below. The deer must be taken to one of these facilities (contact them to ensure whether the deer can be brought in skinned or unskinned).

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- Bouma Meats, Provost AB, (780) 753-2092
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For additional information or to contribute financially to the program you can call our 24 hr. information line @ 780-962-1460. Or you can contact the Alberta Hunters Who Care Supervisors: Jim Thomson @ 780-962-9452 or Gordon Corcoran @ 780-842-3774. Thank you for sharing your harvest with those in need!!

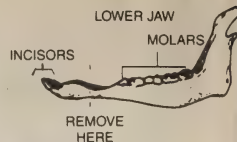


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Incisor Bars – Elk and Mule Deer Hunters

To remove the incisor bar from elk or mule deer, peel back the hide around the lower jaw. Saw or cut through the lower jaw well behind the incisor teeth, so as not to damage the roots. Clean away as much flesh as possible and allow the incisor bar to dry.



ATTENTION ELK HUNTERS!

Alberta Environment has been monitoring the effect of different antlered elk seasons on the age structure of bulls. Except for the six-point season, we have collected and aged enough incisor teeth to verify the resulting effects. Therefore, we are now requesting that elk hunters submit incisor bars only from antlered elk taken in WMUs where the six-point rule is in effect: WMUs 234, 404-408, 412-428, 430-446 and 509.

If you harvest an antlered elk in one of these units, please submit the incisor bar (front part of the lower jaw with the incisor teeth in it) when you register the elk at an Alberta Environment office.

PLEASE NOTE: The submission of an elk incisor bar for ageing purposes, or answering questions on your elk hunt if you are called during our resident telephone survey **DOES NOT** fulfill the requirement of big game compulsory registration.

All hunters killing an Elk, Cougar, Grizzly Bear or Trophy Sheep; or Mule Deer under authority of a Landowner Special Licence; or Wolf in southwestern Alberta must complete (in person) a compulsory registration form at an Alberta Environment office (page 14) within the prescribed time (see page 37 for details).

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS!

Alberta Environment is increasing its emphasis on monitoring deer populations and the effectiveness of different management programs in various areas of the province. To determine the age structure of various deer populations, we are asking deer hunters to submit incisor bars from bucks, either mule deer or white-tailed deer, taken in the following areas:

Mule Deer Bucks:

West-central and Peace Country WMUs: 326-330, 339-347, 349-360, 429

White-tailed Deer Bucks:

Prairie WMUs: 102-166

Please bring the incisor bar to the nearest Alberta Environment office. You will be advised of your deer's age after we process the teeth.

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They are:

1. How does access and the activities associated with access affect animal movement over time.
2. Develop a reliable sampling protocol for surveying wintering elk in the east central foothills.
3. Determine the optimum sites to successfully release the elk so that they do not disturb private landowners to the east or work their way back into the parks.

All of these elk have colored ear tags and some are equipped with radio collars so that we are able to track their movements over the research period. Please return any radio collars to your nearest Natural Resource Service (Fish and Wildlife) office, as they are reusable.

NOTICE: Last year for the first time we ran an advertisement in the Hunting Regulations in an attempt to alert hunters to the areas that we will have, or have, had active harvest operations. Though the response to this information was low, we felt that we would again send the information out. Outlined below are the areas *Sunpine* is harvesting for the period from about December 1999 to December 2000.

Areas West of Sundre – South James, Bluehill West, Bluehill.

Areas West of Caroline – Tay River, Swan Lake, Clearwater River, Burnstick Lake, Contingency (south of Boundary Store).

Areas West of Rocky – East Ram, Trout Creek, Highway 11, Shunda Creek, Upper Cripple, Jock Lake, Horburg Area.

We have been working with Natural Resource Services on access management plans. These plans include the gating of some roads and reclaiming other roads. It could be that a road you used last hunting season no longer exists or is now closed with a gate. We are providing this information to you as a courtesy in hope that our operations will not disturb your hunting plans. Happy hunting and shoot straight!

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BIG GAME SEASONS

Sunday Hunting and Fixed-date Seasons

Please remember that hunting on Sunday is illegal over much of the province. Even where the listed opening or closing of a fixed-season falls on a Sunday, you may not hunt on Sunday unless you are in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).



Prairie WMUs (100 Series)

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for details.

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons, and see additional notes at end of this table.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer	Antlered	S6 - N1	(Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	166
	Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	102, 104, 106, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
	Antlered	O1 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	108, 128, 130
	Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	108, 128, 130

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		Archery Only	General	
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	156, 158, 160, 163, 164, 166
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless		■ S6 - S23 ■ S24 - O8 ■ O9 - O23	102, 104

Additional hunting opportunities in the Prairie WMUs:

Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence, Antelope Archery Special Licence, and Trophy Antelope Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.

Cypress Hills Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 elk, either antlered or antlerless, with a bow and arrow in WMUs 116, 118 and 119 during the archery season, S6 - O9.

BIG GAME SEASONS



Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for details.

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons, and see additional notes at end of this table.

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S6 - N30		212, 248
		O17 - O31	N9 - N30	936 ²
	Antlered	S6 - N1	(Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	210
	Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	210
Mule Deer <i>continued on next page</i>	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25	210

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer <i>continued</i>	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		212, 248
	Antlered	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	250
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		212, 248
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258
			■ N23 - D9 ³	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936 ²
	Antlered	■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	260
	Antlerless (calf only)		■ N23 - D9 ³	728, 730
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		212, 248
	Antlered (6-point or larger) ⁴	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	234
	Antlered (3-point or larger) ⁴	S6 - O24	O25 - N30	214
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	216, 224
	Antlered	■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936 ²
	Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - D15	200, 202, 203, 224, 234
		S6 - O24	■ N1 - N23 ■ N24 - D15	214
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N23 ■ N24 - D15	216
Black Bear ⁵	Fall 2000	S6 - N30		212
			S6 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
	Spring 2001	Ap1 - Ma31		212
			Ap1 - Ma31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260

¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220-228, 258 and 260.

² Hunters (including bowhunters) require a "Firearms Discharge Permit" to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration permits are available on a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week basis at the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Recreation Area office, at the west entrance of WMU 936. Vehicle access is permitted to staging areas only. Horse use is permitted on designated equestrian trails. All other trails are accessible only by foot traffic. For further information, telephone Recreation Area at 780-922-3293.

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- 3 From N23 - N25, this season is open only for primitive weapons.
- 4 See page 34 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.
- 5 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMU 224, 250, 258 and 260.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Parkland WMUs:

- Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248) Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow in WMUs 212 and 248 during the archery-only season, S6 - N30.
- Foothills Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 2 antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow, shotgun, or muzzle loader in WMU 212 on the following dates: D4 - D7; D11 - D14. When hunting, they must carry written permission from the landowner involved.
- WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 antlerless elk with a bow and arrow in WMU 212 during the archery only season, S6 - N30.
- Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.
- Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two white-tailed deer, only 1 of which may be antlered, with a bow and arrow, muzzleloader or shotgun in that portion of WMU 248 within the Counties of Strathcona and Leduc only from Mondays to Fridays between the following dates: O25 - D7. Information about this hunt is available from Alberta Environment district office in Edmonton and from Strathcona County Hall, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park.

BIG GAME SEASONS



Foothills WMUs (300 Series)

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for details.

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons, and see additional notes at end of this table.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	334, 336
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 322, 324, 332, 337, 338, 348
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	318, 320
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N15	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
		A25 - S16	N1 - N7	357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S23	N1 - N30	316
		S6 - O31	N1 - N7	318, 320

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M D T	Sept. 1	6:50	8:22	6:38	8:13	6:44	8:23	6:29	8:21	6:48
	Sept. 5	6:57	8:13	6:45	8:04	6:51	8:14	6:37	8:10	6:57
	Sept. 10	7:05	8:01	6:53	7:52	7:00	8:02	6:48	7:57	7:08
	Sept. 15	7:12	7:50	7:01	7:40	7:08	7:49	6:58	7:43	7:19
	Sept. 20	7:20	7:39	7:09	7:28	7:17	7:37	7:08	7:30	7:30
	Sept. 25	7:28	7:27	7:18	7:17	7:26	7:25	7:18	7:16	7:41
	Sept. 30	7:36	7:16	7:26	7:05	7:35	7:12	7:28	7:02	7:52
	Oct. 1	7:38	7:14	7:28	7:03	7:36	7:10	7:30	7:00	7:54
	Oct. 5	7:44	7:05	7:34	6:54	7:44	7:00	7:38	6:49	8:03
	Oct. 10	7:52	6:54	7:43	6:42	7:53	6:48	7:49	6:36	8:14
M S T	Oct. 15	8:01	6:43	7:52	6:31	8:02	6:37	7:59	6:23	8:26
	Oct. 20	8:09	6:33	8:00	6:20	8:11	6:26	8:10	6:10	8:38
	Oct. 25	8:18	6:23	8:09	6:10	8:21	6:15	8:21	5:58	8:49
	Oct. 30	7:26	5:14	7:18	5:00	7:30	5:04	7:32	4:46	8:01
	Nov. 1	7:30	5:10	7:22	4:57	7:34	5:00	7:36	4:42	8:06
	Nov. 5	7:37	5:03	7:29	4:49	7:42	4:53	7:45	4:33	8:16
	Nov. 10	7:45	4:55	7:38	4:41	7:51	4:44	7:56	4:23	8:27
	Nov. 15	7:54	4:48	7:47	4:34	8:01	4:36	8:07	4:13	8:39
	Nov. 20	8:02	4:42	7:55	4:27	8:10	4:29	8:17	4:05	8:50
	Nov. 25	8:10	4:37	8:04	4:22	8:18	4:23	8:27	3:58	9:01
M S T	Nov. 30	8:17	4:33	8:11	4:18	8:26	4:19	8:36	3:52	9:11
	Dec. 1	8:18	4:33	8:13	4:17	8:28	4:18	8:38	3:51	9:13
	Dec. 5	8:23	4:31	8:18	4:15	8:33	4:16	8:44	3:48	9:20
	Dec. 10	8:29	4:29	8:24	4:14	8:40	4:14	8:51	3:46	9:27
	Dec. 15	8:34	4:30	8:28	4:14	8:44	4:14	8:56	3:45	9:33
	Dec. 20	8:37	4:31	8:32	4:15	8:48	4:15	9:00	3:46	9:37
	Dec. 25	8:39	4:34	8:34	4:18	8:50	4:18	9:02	3:50	9:39
	Dec. 30	8:40	4:38	8:34	4:22	8:50	4:23	9:02	3:54	9:38
	Jan. 1	8:40	4:40	8:34	4:25	8:50	4:25	9:02	3:57	9:38
	Jan. 5	8:39	4:45	8:33	4:29	8:49	4:30	9:00	4:02	9:36
M S T	Jan. 10	8:36	4:51	8:31	4:36	8:46	4:37	8:56	4:10	9:31
	Jan. 15	8:33	4:59	8:27	4:44	8:42	4:45	8:51	4:19	9:25
	Jan. 20	8:28	5:06	8:22	4:52	8:36	4:53	8:44	4:29	9:17
	Jan. 25	8:22	5:15	8:16	5:00	8:30	5:03	8:36	4:40	9:08
	Jan. 30	8:15	5:24	8:08	5:10	8:22	5:12	8:27	4:51	8:58
	Feb. 1	8:13	5:27	8:05	5:13	8:18	5:16	8:23	4:55	8:54
	Feb. 5	8:06	5:34	7:59	5:21	8:11	5:24	8:14	5:04	8:45
	Feb. 10	7:58	5:43	7:50	5:30	8:02	5:34	8:04	5:16	8:33
	Feb. 15	7:48	5:52	7:40	5:39	7:52	5:44	7:52	5:27	8:20
	Feb. 20	7:39	6:01	7:30	5:49	7:41	5:54	7:40	5:38	8:07
M S T	Feb. 25	7:28	6:10	7:19	5:58	7:30	6:04	7:27	5:49	7:54

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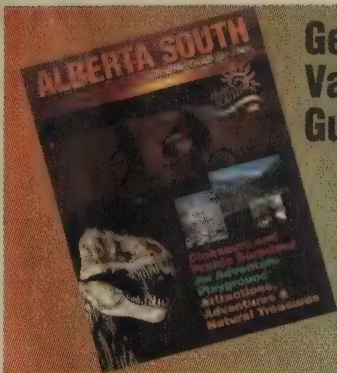


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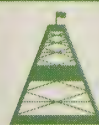
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		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 348
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	338
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	326, 357, 358, 359
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 337, 338, 348
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 334, 336
	Antlered ²	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
	Antlerless (calf only)	A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	353, 354, 359
Elk	Antlered (3-point or larger) ³	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		S6 - O24	O25 - N30	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D15	340, 342, 346, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	330, 353, 354, 355, 356
		S6 - O24	■ O25 - D15	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - D15	334, 336, 337, 338, 348
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N23 ■ N24 - D15	318, 320, 322, 324, 332
		S6 - O24	■ N1 - N23 ■ N24 - D15	312, 314
Trophy Sheep ⁴	Resident		A25 - O31	326, 328 ⁵
			S6 - O31	302 ⁵ , 303, 306, 308
Black Bear ^{6,7}	Fall 2000	A25 - S5	S6 - N30	351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352
		S6 - S23	S24 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			S6 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Spring 2001		Ap1 - Ma15	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			Ap1 - Ma31	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352
			Ap17 - Ju15	351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Cougar ^s	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352

- ¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 300-312, 322, 324, 332, 334, 337, 338 and 348.
- ² Resident hunters with Antlered Moose Special Licences valid in WMUs 344, 347 or 349-356 will each be allowed to designate one resident partner who may buy a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence (see page 61) and hunt with them, sharing the special licence tag.
- ³ See page 34 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.
- ⁴ Hunting sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep on page 32.
- ⁵ WMUs 302 and 328 are open only for full-curl rams.
- ⁶ The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 320, 322, 324, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 358, 359, 360, and portions of 357.
- ⁷ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 320-360.
- ⁸ The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 pm, hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Foothills WMUs:

- WMU 300 Elk Special Licence, Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence and Grizzly Bear Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.

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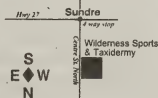
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Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

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See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons, and see additional notes at end of this table.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406, 408
		S6 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		A25 - S23	S24 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		S6 - S23	S24 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	A25 - S23	N1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		S6 - S23	N1 - N15	400, 402
		A25 - S16	N1 - N15	429
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
		S6 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S23	S24 - N30	412, 414, 417, 432, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	416, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406
		S6 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	429
		S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	408
		■ S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	400, 402
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		410
	Antlered (6-point or larger) ¹ and Antlerless	S6 - S16	■ S17 - N30	404, 406, 408
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 428, 430
	Antlered (6-point or larger) ¹	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 426, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
	Antlered (3-point or larger) ¹	S6 - S16	S17 - N30	400, 402

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk <i>continued</i>	Antlerless	S6 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - O8 ■ O9 - N8 ■ N9 - N30	418
Trophy Sheep ²	Resident	S6 - O31		410
		■ S6 - N30		410
			■ A25 - S23 ■ S24 - O31	437 ³
			A25 - O31	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429 ³ , 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
			S6 - O31	400 ³ , 402, 404, 406, 408
	Non-resident and Non-resident Alien	S6 - N30		410
			S1 - O15	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
Black Bear ⁴	Fall 2000	A25 - S5	S6 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S6 - N30		410
			S6 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
	Spring 2001	Ap1 - Ma31		410
			Ap1 - Ma15	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
			Ap1 - Ma31	429
Cougar ⁵	Not Applicable	D1 - F28		410
			D1 - F28 ⁵	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

¹ See pages 34 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

² Hunting of sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep on page 32.

³ WMUs 400, 429 and 437 are open only for full-curl rams.

⁴ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 429 and 445.

⁵ The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 pm, hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Mountain WMUs:

- Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence and Grizzly Bear Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.

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Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

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See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons, and see additional notes at end of this table.

Bison – In the area west of highway 35 and north of the Chinchaga River and the Keg River Metis Settlement, bison is a protected species. No one is allowed to hunt bison in this area.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
	Antlered	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
			S17 - N30	841
	Antlerless	A25 - A31	N1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	N1 - N7	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
			N1 - N30	841
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	500, 505, 507, 508, 509, 510
	Antlered	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	535, 537
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 506
			S17 - N30	841
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	502, 506, 507, 509
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	508
	Antlered		■ S17 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 536, 544
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31	517, 518, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 539, 540, 542
			N1 - N30 ²	517, 518, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 539, 540, 542
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	500, 503, 504, 505, 510
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	505, 510
	Antlerless (calf only)	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	505, 510

Big Game Seasons in BOREAL WMUs continued on next page

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered (6-point or larger) ³	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	509
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	507, 510
	Antlered (3-point or larger) ³	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 527
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - D15	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - D15	507, 509, 510
Black Bear ^{4,5}	Fall 2000	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S5	S6 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
			S6 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			S17 - N30	841
	Spring 2001		Apr1 - May15	841
			Apr1 - May31	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			Apr17 - Jul15	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
Cougar ⁶	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	505, 507, 510

¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 500-505, 507 and 508.

² Hunters with Antlered Moose Special Licences obtained through a draw are not eligible to hunt during this season.

³ See page 34 for description of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

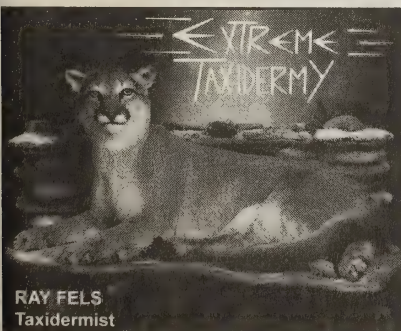
⁴ The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542 and portions of 521, 528 and 544.

⁵ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 500-544 and 841.

⁶ The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 pm, hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Boreal WMUs:

- Grizzly Bear Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further information.



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ADDITIONAL SPECIAL LICENCE DRAW HUNTS

Season Dates And Locations (refer to page 11 for month abbreviations)

Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence

Areas 416, 418A*, 418B*, 420, 422A*, 426A*, 430A*, 430B*, 432, 434A*, 434B*, 437, 438A*, 440, 442, 444, 445A*, 445B*	S6 - O31
Areas (402 - 303, 306)*, 402 - 308*, 402A*, 406A*, 406B*, 408A*, 408B*	S9 - O31
Area 410	S6 - N30

* These areas comprise either a portion of one WMU or all of one WMU and a portion of an adjacent WMU. See descriptions in the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence (WMUs 728 and 730)

Primitive Weapons	N23 - N25
Rifle	N27 - N29, N30 - D2, D4 - D6, D7 - D9

Antelope Archery Special Licence

WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166	S6 - S23
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Trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 138, 142, 144, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166	S25 - S30
WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 140, 148	O16 - O21

Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence

WMUs 116, 118, 119 and 624	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, O10 - D1
WMUs 116, 118 and 119	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, D5 - J12, 2001

WMU 300 Elk Special Licence	S6 - O24, O25 - D24, D25 - F21, 2001
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Grizzly Bear Special Licence*

WMUs 300, 302, 306, 308, 400 and 402	Ap1 - Ma15, 2001
WMUs 316, 318, 326, 328, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446, 524, 525, 527, 537	Ap1 - Ma31, 2001

* Grizzly Bear Special Licences may be valid in individual or groups of WMUs.

Refer to the *2001 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for details on what seasons will be open and how to apply for special licences that will be available in spring 2002.

Other Species

Season Dates and Locations

NOTE: It is unlawful, with the following exceptions, to allow the pelt of any furbearing animal to be wasted:

It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of 1) furbearing animals taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife, or 2) coyotes harvested, by residents, outside of public lands in the Green Area.

Timber Wolf

A Resident may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2001, or until June 15, 2001 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2001.

A Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2001, or until June 15, 2001 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2001.

Coyote

A Resident may, without a licence and on land to which he or she has the right of access, hunt (but not trap) coyote at all times of the year throughout the province, except as follows:

- 1) on public lands in the Green Area, only from October 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001, and

- 2) in Camp Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730), only from December 10, 2000 to February 28, 2001.

See page 28 for information on coyote hunting for control of livestock predation.

Subject to the exception (*) below, a Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a valid Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt coyote on lands to which he or she has the right of access at all times of the year throughout the province - except on public lands in the Green Area where the season is from October 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001. *Exception: if a big game season (other than a cougar season) is open in the area he or she is hunting, then the Non-resident or Non-resident Alien hunter of coyotes must possess a current big game licence issued for that area and open season.

Red Fox

A Resident may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) red fox on any privately owned land to which he or she has the right of access.

Other Animals

Porcupine, rabbit, hare, skunk, raccoon and woodchuck may be hunted, but not trapped*, without a licence throughout the province, at all times of the year.

* The trapping of rabbit, hare, skunk and raccoon is authorized without a licence under some circumstances. Please refer to the *2000 Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulations*.

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Falconry Hunting

Holders of a Recreational Falconry Permit are permitted to hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds, by means of falconry, in all areas of the province except in national parks and those restricted areas identified on pages 28 through 33. In order to hunt game birds with a falconry bird, a falconer requires a Wildlife Certificate plus

- a Game Bird Licence if hunting grouse, partridge or ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence if hunting pheasants; or
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit if hunting migratory game birds.

Seasons

The open season to hunt upland game birds by means of falconry is from August 15, 2000 to March 31, 2001 (Sundays included). The open season to hunt migratory game birds by means of falconry is from September 1 to December 15, 2000 (Sundays included).

Bowhunting

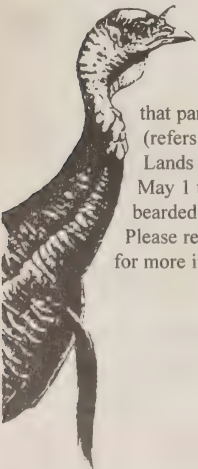
Hunters wishing to hunt game birds with a bow and arrow require a Bowhunting Permit in addition to the other applicable licences.

Designated Pheasant Release Sites

During the open season for male pheasants, the hunting of game birds, including pheasants, is not permitted in the following designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m. on any day, except Saturdays.

WMU

- 152 Millicent Buck for Wildlife Project (NE19 and 30-20-13-W4)
- 206 Buffalo Lake Buck for Wildlife Project (9 and SW10-40-21-W4)
- 210 Bigelow Buck for Wildlife Project (3, E9, SW10 & LSD 12 and 13 of 10-34-25-W4)



Merriam's Turkey Draw

Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are issued through a draw. Licences will be valid only in that part of WMU 305 that is within the shaded area (refers to the Green Area established under the Public Lands Act) shown on the map. The season is from May 1 to May 31, 2001 with a bag limit of one bearded Merriam's turkey per special licence holder. Please read the *2000 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for more information on how to apply for this draw.

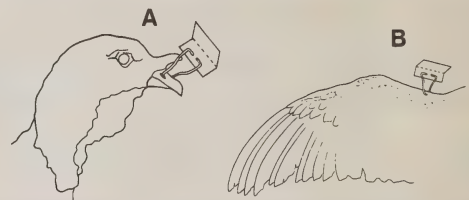
Each Merriam's turkey harvested must be tagged

- immediately after the bird is killed, and
- in the manner described below with the paper tag supplied with each licence. All instructions on the back of the paper tag must be followed.

Tags must remain affixed until the carcass is delivered to

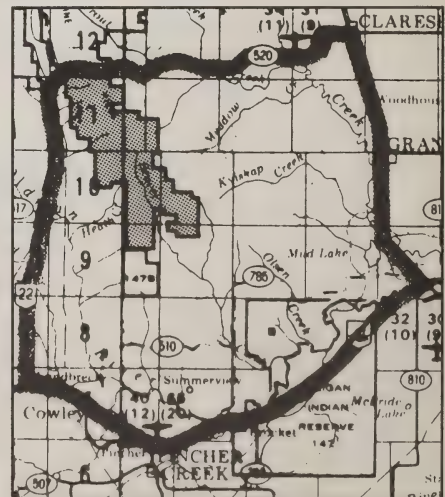
- the usual residence of the person who killed it, and is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
- to a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the Public Health Act or Licence or the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

Merriam's Turkey Tagging Instructions



Tagging Instructions: (A) place wire through the nares, or (B) through the patagium between the tendon and the bones of the wing.

Please refer to items 2, 12 and 13 of Prohibitions, Game Bird section (pages 17 and 18) for additional requirements concerning weapons and evidence of sex and species for Merriam's turkey.





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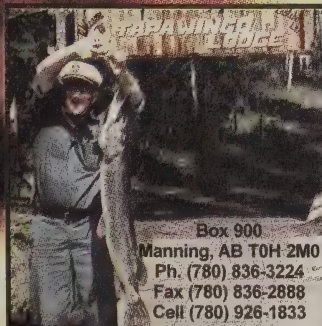
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GAME BIRD BAG LIMITS

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Requirements
Male Pheasant	2	6	Snow Goose and Ross' Goose	10	30	(a) of which not more than five (5) may be white-fronted geese. (b) of which not more than ten (10) may be white-fronted geese. (c) of which not more than four (4) may be a pintail. (d) of which not more than eight (8) may be pintails. (e) may be hunted with Special Licence only.
Ruffed Grouse	10	20	Canada Goose and White-fronted Goose	8 (a)	16 (b)	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	5	10	Ducks	8 (c)	16 (d)	
Ptarmigan	5	20	Common Snipe	10	20	
Blue Grouse	5	10	Coot	10	20	
Spruce Grouse	10	20	Merriam's Turkey	1 (e)	1 (e)	
Gray Partridge	5	10				

GAME BIRD SEASONS

Special Hunting Areas

In WMUs 212 and 248 the hunting of game birds is only permitted with bows and arrows, shotguns or a falconry bird.

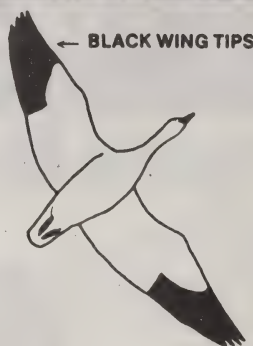
In WMU 410 the hunting of game birds is permitted only with bows and arrows or a falconry bird.

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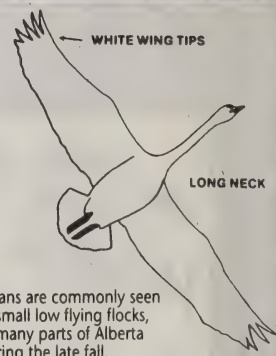
All birds are protected except the following: Starlings, Crows, Pigeons, House (English) Sparrows, Magpies, Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Ravens (hunted on private land by residents) and any other birds for which an open season has been declared by the regulations as indicated in this summary.

SAGE GROUSE ARE PROTECTED

Sage grouse are listed as an endangered species in Alberta. If you hunt upland game birds within the range of sage grouse, be sure your target is not a sage grouse.



SNOW GOOSE



SWAN (Do Not Shoot)

Swans are commonly seen in small low flying flocks, in many parts of Alberta during the late fall.

GAME BIRD SEASONS

Prairie WMUs (100 Series)



See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N15	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	108, 110, 132, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese	S8 - D23	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166



Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N15	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - N15	214, 216, 221, 224
	O1 - O31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 220, 222, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
Ruffed and Sharp-tailed Grouse (Camp Wainwright) ²	S2 - S4	728, 730
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese	S1 - D16	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
	S8 - D23	210, 212, 214

¹ Hunters (including bowhunters) require a "Firearms Discharge Permit" to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration permits are available on a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week basis at the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Recreation Area office, at the west entrance of WMU 936. Vehicle access is permitted to staging areas only. Horse use is permitted on designated equestrian trails. All other trails are accessible only by foot traffic. For further information, telephone 780-922-3293.

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Foothills WMUs (300 Series)

■ Indicates a season that only applies to hunters with a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence. Refer to the 2000 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet.

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	350, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O15 - N15	300, 302, 304, 305, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 349
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 326, 328, 344, 347, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 324, 339, 340, 342
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352
	O1 - O31	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O1 - N15	310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	316, 318, 355, 356
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 340, 342, 348
Merriam's Turkey	■ 2001 Ma1 - Ma31	305 (only that part shaded in map on page 54).
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese	S1 - D16	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S8 - D23	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314

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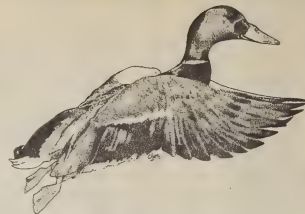
GAME BIRD SEASONS



Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	400, 402
Ptarmigan	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese	S1 - D16	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

GAME BIRD SEASONS



Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	511, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 544
	O15 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	S15 - N30	500, 507, 508, 841
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	511, 512, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	O1 - O31	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	O1 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515, 841
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	518, 519, 520, 524, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544

Bird Game Seasons in BOREAL WMUs continued on next page

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 514, 515, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 544
	S15 - N30	507, 508
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese	S1 - D16	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	S15 - D16	841

GAME MANAGEMENT

SPECIAL ANTLERED MOOSE PARTNER LICENCE

By permitting 2 hunters to hunt for a single animal, the Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence represents a new direction for hunting in Alberta. There are several reasons for taking this new course. There is high demand for moose hunting opportunity, a treasured and greatly anticipated autumn tradition for many Albertans. In the 1980s, up to 66,000 hunters annually bought moose licences, and they were relatively free to hunt any class of animal in any area throughout a long fall season. Today, except for November seasons in the most remote Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), almost all moose hunting is on a draw basis for specific classes of animal with hunters getting licences only every 2nd or 3rd year, even less frequently in many popular WMUs.

With currently less than 30,000 moose licences issued each year, hunters began looking for ways to increase their opportunities to participate. The Partner Licence is an attempt to let more people enjoy the annual hunting opportunity by reducing the bag limit below 1 moose/hunter.

The group licensing concept has been promoted for several years by various hunting organizations, including the Alberta Fish and Game Association. Individual hunters have told us they supported the concept provided it was offered as a choice while maintaining the option for individuals to hunt alone with their own tag. Many hunters do not want a whole moose. Others simply want a companion to share the experience and the load of handling such a large animal. Thus, the Partner Licence is being offered as an option that hunters may choose if interested. Tags are still distributed by draw according to hunters' accumulated priorities. The holder of a Partner Licence cannot hunt alone, does not get a tag, does not have to enter a draw, and therefore does not jump the draw queue. He or she hunts only as a partner, sharing the experience, tag, and harvest of another hunter fairly selected in the draw.

More recently, the Hunting For Tomorrow group, an alliance of hunting organizations, has recommended group licensing as a means of encouraging participation in hunting by new and former hunters. Because a Partner Licence is only \$10.00, it reduces the per person licence cost for 2 people to hunt moose. This is an important consideration, especially for parents wanting to introduce sons and daughters to hunting or to share their hunting experiences with them.

The Partner Licence increases the chances of hunting in most years for those

willing to share the tag and bag limit of a hunter successful in the draw. It also encourages the continuity of hunting traditions and groups, since members periodically excluded by the draw may still participate as partners. By planning their draw strategy so they get drawn in different years, 2 hunters should be allowed to hunt for 1 moose about 2 out of every 3 or 4 years in most WMUs.

Eligibility

For this fall, only hunters with Antlered Moose Special Licences valid in WMUs 344, 347, and 349 through 356 will have the option of designating a partner. A designated partner needs no priority to qualify for a partner licence, and its purchase will not affect his or her existing priority. To be eligible, the intended partner must qualify legally (be of appropriate age and not under suspension) for a hunting licence and must hold no other moose licence. An Antlered Moose Special Licence holder is the primary licensee who may designate a partner at any time until the end of the season for which the Antlered Moose Special Licence is valid.

To Designate a Partner

The holder of the Antlered Moose Special Licence gives the number of the Special Licence to the intended partner. That number will authorize the licensing system to issue that person a partner licence that is linked with the Special Licence. The intended partner would take the special licence number, along with his or her WIN to a licence issuer and purchase a Wildlife Certificate and a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence. The Partner Licence will be valid for the same WMU and season as the Special Licence.

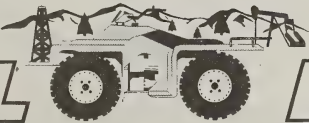
The Antlered Moose Special Licence is issued with a tag, allowing its holder to hunt alone even if there is a designated partner. However, the Partner Licence is not issued with a tag and therefore the partner may hunt only with the presence and reasonable proximity of the primary licence holder. The primary licence holder must carry the tag and is responsible for tagging any moose killed. While hunting, the 2 partners need an effective communication strategy to ensure that both stop hunting if one of them kills a moose. The person who kills a moose must quickly inform the other hunter, and the primary licence holder must tag the carcass as soon as possible. The 2 partners together may take only one antlered moose.

As a new program, introduced on a pilot basis, the Partner Licence will be reviewed following the season. As such, Alberta Environment will be very interested in your views, experiences, or suggestions for improvements. If you have any comments, please direct them to any of the offices listed on page 14.

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Some of these marked wildlife, as well as certain nuisance animals (e.g., some black bears), may have received drugs for medicinal purposes or to facilitate their capture and handling. Any such animal will be marked with a tag advising that the meat of the animal should not be consumed before contacting Alberta Environment.

Report Waterfowl Leg Bands by Telephone

All waterfowl leg bands recovered in North America can now be reported by telephoning the toll-free number **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263). Calls can be made from anywhere in Canada or the United States, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, operators are only available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern time, Monday to Friday. After-hours and weekend callers will hear a recorded message requesting they leave their name and daytime telephone number so that the Bird Banding Lab can call them back. Recovered bands can still be reported by mail, or to the nearest office of Alberta Environment (page 14), if you do not wish to report the band by telephone.

HARVEST QUESTIONNAIRE

Each year since 1985, a sample of resident hunters has been contacted by telephone after the hunting season and asked to provide important information needed for wildlife management. For each licence type, a sample of hunters is randomly selected from Alberta Environment's computerized licence records. Big game hunters are asked where (WMU), when (dates) and for how many days they hunted; the location (WMU) and date of harvest; and the age and sex of each animal harvested. Game bird hunters are questioned about the species they hunted, how many days they hunted and the number of birds bagged in each WMU. Alberta Environment asks that you record this information for each hunting trip so that accurate information can be provided if you are selected in the 2000 sample. Many hunters find this kind of information useful for recalling past trips and planning future ones, even if they are not contacted during the survey.

Information from the harvest questionnaires, compulsory registrations and animal population surveys helps to determine the annual status of wildlife populations. It also helps monitor changes in animal populations over time. The information that hunters provide through programs like the harvest questionnaire and compulsory registration is vital to the management of Alberta's wildlife resource. Alberta Environment thanks all hunters who have cooperated in this survey.

A summary of the latest report on this information, *Harvest and Effort by Resident Hunters*, is posted on the Alberta Environment Web site (<http://www.gov.ab.ca/env>). Click on the Fish and Wildlife button, then the link to *Hunting in Alberta*, and then *Hunter Information*. This report is also available for viewing at Alberta Environment offices (page 14).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (Plan) is now entering its 15th year in Alberta. This international partnership among Canada, the United States and Mexico is designed to restore and maintain waterfowl populations to what they were, on average, during the 1970's. This monumental task is to be accomplished primarily through habitat restoration, creation, enhancement and protection. Through habitat protection and conservation directed toward wetlands and their surrounding upland nesting cover for waterfowl, a multitude of other animals and plants benefit from Plan activities. The Plan has been recognized as a leading example of international cooperation, partnerships and sustainable development in action. Plan activities in Alberta are perfect examples, incorporating principles of landscape management that provide benefits to a wide diversity of species. Soil and water conservation initiatives and sustainable agriculture are being linked to produce landscapes that are more productive for wildlife.

To ensure broad benefits the Plan is constantly expanding its biological foundation through direct waterfowl and biodiversity studies. The new Alberta NAWMP "Biodiversity Makes It Work" newsletter is designed to explain the broad benefits of the Plan. Many of the studies supported by the Plan involve non-game and other game species besides waterfowl. The NAWMP is providing broad societal values on Alberta landscapes.

Alberta Prairie CARE (Conservation of Agricultural Resources and the Environment) is the program that delivers the habitat component of the Plan in Alberta. Ducks Unlimited delivers the program on behalf of the

Alberta NAWMP partners
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Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural
Development). The program offers techniques such as

*North American Waterfowl
Management Plan*



planned grazing systems, re-establishment of grass cover, land use exchanges, wetland enhancement, flushing bars and sustainable agricultural demonstrations, that offer farmers options that sustain agricultural production, while improving wildlife habitat. The Alberta NAWMP Policy Advisory Group also actively works to ensure that legislation, programs, and policies provide clear and balanced benefits for landowners and wildlife, through better water conservation and maintenance of healthier, more resilient rural landscapes.

Since 1986, the Plan has invested more than \$100 million in Alberta Prairie CARE habitat programs and other Plan activities, with most funding derived from US federal, state and non-government organizations. Some of these programs involve lease and purchase of private land for exclusive wildlife habitat management. Purchased properties in particular offer excellent hunting opportunities. It is important that hunters check with the local Ducks Unlimited office before entering these properties. All are restricted to foot access only with all vehicular traffic prohibited. Certain short-term agreements could be in effect on purchase properties that involve local farmers. By calling your local DU office they will be able to inform you of particular access restrictions on specific properties. The Alberta NAWMP partners appreciate your cooperation in calling before you hunt.

For more information on the Plan, please contact your nearest Ducks Unlimited Canada office or view our website at WWW.ducks.ca/NAWMP.

WISE Foundation and Alberta Conservation Education Program

Over the past 30 years, volunteer instructors have delivered Alberta Environment Conservation Education programs to many thousands of Albertans. These programs include Conservation, Hunter and Fishing Education, and Project WILD, Outdoor Camps and Use Respect. To ensure the future and quality of these programs, the WISE Foundation was created to raise funds for Conservation Education materials.

USE RESPECT Program

The *Use Respect* program encourages recreational land users and grazing leaseholders to understand and respect each other's rights and needs.

First introduced in 1983, the *Use Respect* program was designed in response to the concerns of farmers and ranchers about the general public accessing their land. Many groups, including outdoors people supported the campaign that appealed to all Albertans to act responsibly by observing the rights and property of others.

Recent conflicts between grazing lease holders and recreation users make the *Use Respect* program more relevant today than it was in 1983. Conflicts have arisen when people have used private property or public land held under an agricultural disposition, without first consulting the landholder.

A recent Alberta Court of Appeal decision indicated that a grazing leaseholder has the right to "bar access or use that may be injurious or incompatible with the lessee's rights under the grazing lease."

All Albertans are invited to become involved in the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Program. Courses are available at various locations and are designed to help novice and experienced hunters learn the skills and rules, and get more enjoyment from their sport.

For more information on WISE and Conservation Education, or on how you can participate in the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Program, contact your nearest Alberta PCB Environment office (page 14).

Use Respect signs, which provide people with information about limited access, restrictions on motorized vehicles, and who should be contacted for permission, are available at local Alberta Environment offices. Please begin your hunt by obtaining permission from the landholder.

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Wild Game Public Health Advisory

The wild game public health advisory for the Swan Hills area — originally issued on December 13, 1996, by the Provincial Health Officer — has been revised as a result of more extensive wild game testing. While recent test results confirm that eating wild game from the Swan Hills area poses no immediate threat to human health, it is recommended that individuals limit the amount of wild game eaten.

Wild game meat samples taken from near Swan Hills Treatment Centre were found to have elevated levels of PCBs, dioxins and furans. Because these contaminants may accumulate over time, the following precautionary measures are recommended:

- Limit consumption of wild game taken from within a 30 km radius (see map below) of the Swan Hills Treatment Centre to 13 ounces (370 grams) per month.
- Avoid eating organ meat (liver, kidney) or using fat from game harvested within a 30-km radius.
- If you are pregnant or breast feeding, avoid eating meat from wild game taken within a 30-km radius.
- Young children should avoid eating meat taken from within a 30-km radius.
- Continue to avoid eating fish taken from within a 30-km radius until fish sample testing is complete.

The advisory applies to animals taken last fall, as well as to those that will be taken in the coming year. It is in effect until further notice.

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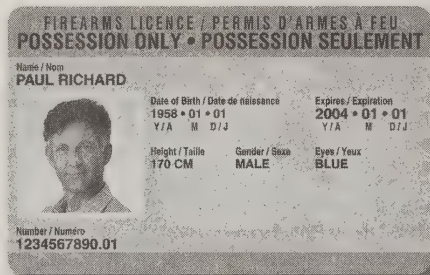
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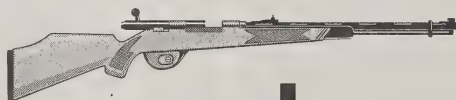
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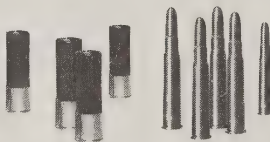
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MESSAGE from the PUBLISHER



Rob Miskosky

The 2000 hunting season is now upon us. It is a time when many of us enjoy new experiences in the wilds of Alberta and take home many memories that remain with us for a lifetime. This is what I love the most about

hunting, and yet it is what the majority of non-hunters find hard to comprehend. For most of us it doesn't matter whether or not we take home an animal from a hunting trip, but how enriching that trip really was.

I remember a trip this past season when hunting partner, Ken Colwill, made a call to his wife on their cell phone. We were about three days into the trip so it was time to check in. When Holly asked if we'd got anything and the answer was no, her response was something along the line "that we were wasting time then." Ken replied by telling her that we were bonding. Ken may have been joking at the time, but the fact of the matter is, it really was part of what we were doing. In fact, the whole hunting experience is a bonding one; not only with your hunting partners, but with the outdoors and nature itself. And that is why it is so important for us hunters to introduce the sport to others. Our future is at stake here, so take the time to enjoy the hunting experience with someone new this season.

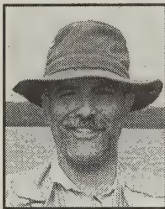
Congratulations need to go out to Darrel Patera of Stony Plain, Don Charlton of Didsbury and Hal Czeck of Calgary. These three hunters each had a tremendous 1999 season and are our winners of the 1999 Alberta Hunter of the Year contest.

Darrel Patera was named the 1999 Alberta Hunter of the Year after the whitetail buck he took scored closest, on a percentage basis, to the provincial record. Darrel's buck grossed 205 4/8 and netted a whopping 188 0/8. Darrel will receive a cheque for \$500 and can carry bragging rights throughout the 2000 season.

Don Charlton of Didsbury is our 1999 Elk champion. His trophy scored an incredible 376 7/8, while Hal Czeck of Calgary managed a mulie that scored 180 5/8 making him our 1999 Mule Deer champion. Both hunters will receive a cheque for \$300. You can see all three of these trophies on page 80 where the contest is outlined for the 2000 season.

On a final note, please respect our resources and the lands on which you hunt. Remember, with hunting, image "is" everything. Have a great season.

THE TROUBLE WITH HUNTING



It's the topic of discussion among individuals, outdoor organizations and government. Despite

by Don H. Meredith

Alberta's substantial human population growth, we have fewer hunters in this province than we did 10 or 20 years ago (Figure 1).

In 1980, over 166,000 hunters (Alberta Environment) purchased Alberta wildlife certificates (7.5% of the Alberta population of 2.2 million [Statistics Canada]), a record high. By 1997 that number had dropped to just over 97,000 (3.5% of the population of 2.8 million), or a 42% drop in certificate sales, a record low. (Note: in 1998 licence sales in Alberta did increase for the first time in 12 years to 104,400 but dropped to 100,500 in 1999.)

A decrease in the number of hunters should be a concern to everyone. Hunters have long been the chief supporters of wildlife conservation programs through the revenue generated by licence sales and membership in conservation organizations.

So, why are hunters dropping out? Many social scientists have studied the problem and have listed

several social, psychological and environmental reasons for the decline.

Perhaps the most important is the shift our population has made from the country to the cities (Figure 2). Hunting has always been a part of rural life, and rural hunters have always been a large portion of the hunting population. However, more people have moved to cities than have moved to the country, and there are fewer rural hunters. City hunters have to travel farther to hunt and they don't receive the support for hunting from their families and society that rural hunters receive.

Another important reason for hunting's decline

is our ageing population. Families are smaller and fewer young people are available for recruitment into hunting. Since most of these youth are from our cities, they are less likely to be encouraged to choose hunting as a life-long recreation. With fewer people entering hunting, those of us who remain are getting older. As we age, we spend less time and money on hunting and many of us drop out. Why? What causes a person to become a hunter in the first place, and

what causes him or her to leave?

These questions were asked by a group of researchers at the University of Alberta (Bonita L. McFarlane and Vic Adamowicz) and the Northern Forestry Centre of the Canadian Forest Service in Edmonton (Peter C. Boxall) who were studying why people use and value our forests. In 1997, they conducted a mail survey of 1000 randomly selected Alberta hunters (who hunted at least once from 1991 to 1996) to examine 1) why people take up hunting, 2) why people quit hunting,

and 3) the attitudes of hunters toward their recreation. The survey consisted of a series of questions that asked the respondents to rate reasons why they hunted or did not hunt on a five-point scale from "not at all important" to "very important."

Who responded?

Two groups of hunters were identified from the 758 responses received: those who were "committed hunters" — who hunted in all six years from 1991 to 1996 and who intended to hunt in 1997 (89% of respondents), and "occasional hunters" — those who did not hunt

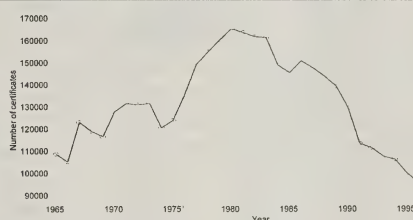


Figure 1. Wildlife Certificate Sales in Alberta, 1965 - 1996
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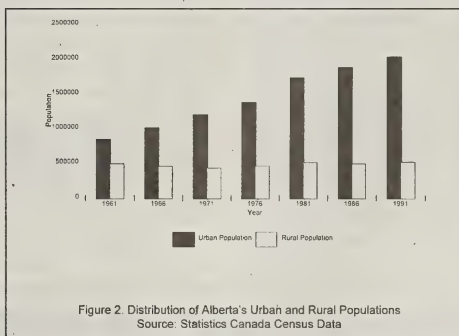


Figure 2. Distribution of Alberta's Urban and Rural Populations
Source: Statistics Canada Census Data



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If you want to attract people to hunting and encourage others to stay in the recreation, you must make them feel good about being a hunter. To do that, hunters and their organizations must do more to promote hunting as an appropriate outdoor activity that is morally and environmentally acceptable.

in at least one year or did not intend to hunt in 1997 (11% of respondents).

Mostly men (97%) replied with an average age of 44 years. About 44% lived in a rural area, and 24% lived in a community with a population of 100,000 or more people. About 56% had lived in a rural area until they were at least 16 years old.

Attitudes toward Hunting

Responses to questions about attitudes toward hunting showed that most considered hunting a positive interaction with nature that is a humane way to control wildlife populations. Slightly more than half of the respondents agreed that "hunting is an important way to carry on family

traditions." Very few (12%) agreed with the statement that "animals have no defence against hunters."

Reasons for Hunting

The vast majority of respondents rated "getting outdoors to enjoy nature" (98%), "enjoying the peace and solitude of the bush" (97%) and "seeing wildlife and signs of wildlife" (95%) as their most important reasons for hunting above all others (such as "getting away from everyday problems" [89%], "using hunting skills" [83%], "being with hunting companions" [79%], and "getting a supply of meat" [62%]).

Reasons for Not Hunting

Most occasional hunters rated three reasons for not hunting as most important. The most common was that "hunting licences cost too much" (64% of occasional hunters), followed by "not enough time because of work or family responsibilities" (55%), and "difficulty of getting permission to hunt on private or leased land" (52%).

Cost of Licences

The cost of hunting licences is an often heard complaint, and licence sales do drop when there are significant fee increases. Today, it is pretty easy for a resident big game hunter in Alberta to spend over \$100 just for licences. Is this a sufficient reason to quit hunting? When you look at the total cost of a hunt, from food and supplies through the time taken off work to the cost and maintenance of vehicles and firearms, licence costs are pretty insignificant. However, their rise in cost may have a psychological effect, especially if a hunter has been frustrated by other factors. Perhaps the increase in cost of a licence is the "last straw" that causes a hunter to make a permanent decision about what he or she does outdoors.

Time

If there is a common complaint among people these days, it's "I don't have enough time!" Despite this information age of fast computers doing much of the work for us, the promise of increased leisure time just hasn't materialized. Instead, we all work longer and harder to keep our jobs and support lifestyles requiring more technology. The result is we become very selective about how we spend the little time we have with family and friends. Competing for this time are a host of leisure activities, including hunting. Many of these activities require far less preparation and skills than does hunting.

Places to Hunt

Alberta is blessed with a lot of public land accessible to hunters. But much of this land is far from many of our population centres. As

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well, some of the best hunting is available on private and leased public lands. Over the years, much of this land has been closed to hunters. Why?

Many landowners have had bad experiences with hunters trespassing and destroying property. In short, their image of hunters has changed, and they would prefer not to deal with them, period. When hunters looking for a place to hunt see more "no hunting" signs, and receive more refusals than permission from landowners, they begin to doubt why they've chosen this outdoor activity.

What Can Be Done?

It's easy for committed hunters to dismiss these reasons for quitting hunting as so much sniveling by people who are only pretenders to the activity. But it's the uncommitted hunter, who may be trying the activity for the first time, that represents the future of hunting. If they do not receive a positive experience, they will not encourage others to become hunters.

However, there are some things that can be done to improve the image of hunting and affect what activities people choose and whether they will be able to access private land. If you want to attract people to hunting and encourage others to stay in the recreation, you must make them feel good about being a

hunter. To do that, hunters and their organizations must do more to promote hunting as an appropriate outdoor activity that is morally and environmentally acceptable.

What many non-hunters do not understand is that it is not the killing, the meat or the trophy that attracts the majority of us to hunting. As this survey shows, it is the experience of being in the bush or field and participating in one of the fundamental processes of nature that keeps most hunters returning year after

year. We don't tell that story enough to non-hunters. But we must!

Hunting for Tomorrow

A group of Alberta conservation organizations and government agencies have formed a coalition to improve the image of hunting and encourage people to take it up as a positive outdoor activity. The group is called "Hunting for

Tomorrow" and is already

at work to improve hunting opportunity and make people aware of the positive benefits of being a hunter. You will be hearing more about this group in the near future as it provides you with opportunities to become involved. Now is not the time to sit back and "let the other guy do it." The "other guy" may not, and there's a lot more at stake here than just hunting. There's a cultural tradition and a commitment to the environment that only hunters bring.



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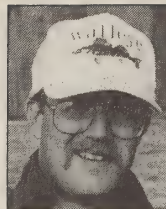
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by **Brad
Fenson**

I love elk hunting. They are one of the most challenging big game species that we have in

Alberta and you have to put in your time and refine your skills and techniques in order to score on a regular basis. As Alberta residents, we should consider ourselves spoiled by the liberal opportunities we have to hunt. The avid elk hunter actually has more than three months in the hunting season, which starts with the bow season in late August and runs through the middle of December for antlerless elk opportunities in areas with depredation concerns. The general rifle season alone offers more than nine weeks of time to spend in the field chasing this wary adversary.

Elk populations have been expanding and growing throughout the province due to a number of factors. There were several transplants done into regions without resident elk herds. Those populations have moved, expanded and grown to increase the range of elk in the province. Even the parkland zones are seeing an influx of animals with hunting seasons expanding into the eastern parkland for six point bulls and several zones with just cow seasons. They appear to be taking the same route as the parkland moose, expanding their population and range through the agricultural areas of the province. One of the biggest reasons the herds continue to grow is that elk are very adaptable. They can live in a variety of habitats and seem to do well wherever they try to establish. At one time they inhabited the prairie regions and with recent transplants into the Suffield block and populations expanding through the Milk River area, we may someday see them return in number to the open grasslands.

The adaptability of elk is what has allowed them to survive in such a diversity of habitats. They seem to learn quickly and change their daily feeding and bedding habits to avoid

COMFORT ZONE ELK



photo Brad Fenson

human contact. The more pressure is put on elk, the more secluded they become. That is what makes them so difficult to hunt on a consistent basis. You are going to have to lace up your walking boots and get into the remote areas where these animals take up residence. Pay careful attention to detail, as elk become very routine when they feel comfortable. They don't move great distances and will feed in the same general area and bed at preferred sites, as long as they are not pressured. Don't expect them to be standing in the ditches or even on an open outline. You will normally find their trails crossing these open areas, and if you have ever had the chance to watch them, you will know they approach with caution. The lead cow will normally nose her way up to the line and stand there watching in both directions until she feels

that it is comfortable and safe to cross.

The comfort and safety factor is what draws the animals into a routine or pattern and is what you should try to key on as a hunter. Finding an elk's comfort zone will help you find elk on a consistent basis – no matter what time of the season you are hunting. The rut can be a little less predictable as bulls push their harems of cows around to avoid competition from satellite bulls. However, you do have the advantage of calling during the rut which can be more of a benefit to help you find the comfort zone in which the animals are living.

One of the first bow hunts I was ever on for elk was during the rut and I found it to be a real learning experience. My hunting partners were

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well versed in calling and being able to locate animals. They also knew the area well and traveled to some remote places well off the beaten path in order to find game. Getting a response to our bugle helped to locate active bulls in the wide expanse of boreal forest in which we were hunting. When you stop to think about how vast our forests and mountains are, it becomes apparent why elk can be so difficult to locate. We were fortunate to move within the comfort zone of the elk and call the herd bull away from the 13 cows that he was courting. He was screaming mad and we chased him through the thick tangle of bush in order to force him to take a stance and defend his herd rights. I can clearly remember how his eyes were bulged out and his nostrils flared as he bugled at us before coming on a beeline ready to fight. It made the hair on the back of my neck stand up.

I have used the same techniques many times over while hunting the rut. By covering lots of potential elk holding country, the possibility of locating a bull by calling increases. I would think that the rut is the most popular period of time to hunt these regal animals and it is probably the most exciting type of hunt to challenge your wit, nerves and calling ability. However, there are several seasons that do not open until after the rut is complete and there are lots of general hunting opportunities available during the post-rut or late season.

This is the time of year when you get to challenge your hunting abilities and utilize the skills as a hunter that you have refined and learned from being in the field. It is difficult enough to locate a bull with a call amongst the vast areas they have taken residence in, but how do you find them when they aren't talking?

Snow is the most valuable tool that a late season elk hunter can have. It will tell you where the animals are living and pinpoint their daily routine. Pay attention to detail and look for areas that you feel would be secluded from hunting pressure. Walk the ridge tops, creeks, rivers and hidden meadows. Try locating suitable areas off of a topographical map or aerial photograph; they can be indispensable tools that will give you the edge over other hunters. Get into the field well before daylight and try to set up on an interception point. The active game trails will tell you where to set up and get a clear shot when the opportunity arises. Look for areas that funnel the animals into a specific spot, like between cut blocks, a beaver dam used to cross a stream or a series of islands on a river. I have taken more elk in the late season at intercept points than any other way.

Early mornings and late evening are the best times to sit still, but don't overlook the need for these animals to feed on a regular basis. I have taken several elk mid morning as they finish feeding their way through wooded areas before



photo Brad Fenson

heading for heavy cover to bed. Time and patience will normally pay off. If you are confident in a spot, stick with it and the animals will eventually show up.

If you are not a sitter, tracking can be a very rewarding way to hunt. When there is fresh snow on the ground I love to find a big set of tracks and still hunt them all day. Taking one or two steps at a time and constantly glassing ahead and to the sides as I follow the tracks. The bulls will often bed down wind, back tracking on their original trail so that they can

watch for predators. Make sure that you scan the areas off to the side and try to glass the tracks well ahead of you to see if they are changing course. Nothing is more satisfying than tracking down a big bull and locating him in his bed.

No matter in what season you like to hunt elk, look for the comfort zone to consistently find animals. It may mean strapping on the back pack and working a little harder, but in the end the reward could prove to be all the greater.



ALBERTA'S ELK INDUSTRY BUILDING OUR FUTURE

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by Ken Bailey

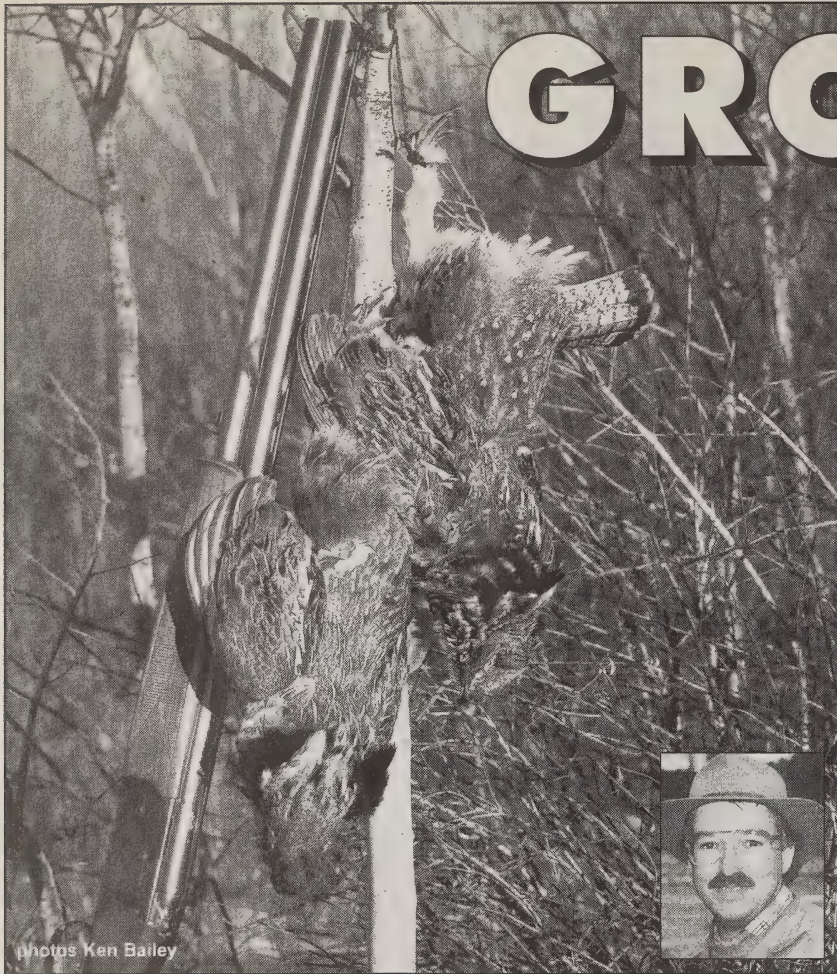
coverts available in their territory that meet their requisite winter needs, food and thermal cover. Preferred haunts are those that offer a mixture of cover that helps insulate them from the below zero daily temperatures while also hiding them from their many natural predators. In the best habitat, this means forested areas dominated by mid seral stage or second growth aspen interspersed by mature stands of spruce and pine. A diverse understory of food shrubs, including rose, birch, willow and alder, round out textbook ruffed grouse winter cover.

This is seldom easy cover to hunt, but it can provide unsurpassed opportunities for the dedicated gunner. Too many grouse hunters opt for the easy way out, searching the well-spaced and homogenous old-growth deciduous stands; typically they go home empty-handed.

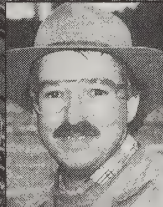
Tactics

While hunting alone is preferable, the solo hunter can find success in the late season. Walk slowly along the outer edges of likely grouse habitat; there's no sense walking alone through the thick of it, as you will seldom get a decent shot at flushing birds. As you work the edges, pause frequently, particularly adjacent to thick blowdown areas or other bird-holding ground cover. Ruffies are often unnerved by this stop and go behavior and a hunter will get opportunities at birds that would otherwise hold tight. Watch for tracks in the snow that give away areas that grouse have been frequenting. Cutlines, roads and trails through quality habitat are natural hunting lanes for the solo gunner. These edges will often hold birds and the openings will provide the time required to get off a shot or two.

If you are hunting with a partner or a dog, you have a decided advantage. Give your dog his head; ruffed grouse will run eccentrically on the ground, but a good dog will usually unravel the scent patterns. Frequently a grouse will merely short-hop away from a dog, flushing only a short distance before landing in the mid-upper confines of a pine or spruce. Late season grouse are much more reluctant to leave the safety of preferred habitats than they were only a couple of months previous. Though they can be difficult to spot once they've taken refuge in a



photos Ken Bailey



A deer hunt gone stale turned me on to the world of late-season grouse. Three cold November days working the Peace River breaks with no appreciable success had me feeling not just a little sorry for myself.

Returning to my truck one day at noon, head bowed in exhaustion from fruitlessly hauling my now unresponsive carcass up a snow-covered river bank far too steep and too unforgiving to warrant the effort, a flushing ruffie at my feet awoke my cold-addled brain from its slumber. I slid to a stop as another, then another, then a fourth ruffie rocketed skyward from the thorny rose bushes that surrounded me. I shook my head in mock disgust; I mean, here I was deer hunting with nothing to show for my efforts while grouse were springing up all around me with suicidal abandon. With renewed enthusiasm I hustled to my waiting truck and quickly checked behind the front seat. As I'd thought, there lay my trusty 12 gauge over/under. Within a half-hour six prime ruffed grouse lay at my feet in the snow and my outlook on life had improved

exponentially. Since that time I've taken a few days out of my big game season every year to concentrate solely on grouse hunting. Late season success has now become as assured for me as the cold and snow that envelopes us every November.

Where to Find Them

Ruffed grouse inhabit much of the deciduous and mixedwood forests of Alberta. This is tough country in late fall and early winter; freezing temperatures and abundant snow dissuade all but the most serious upland hunters from heading afield. But if you have the heart, and clothing, for it, it can offer some of the season's most productive grouse hunting.

There's an old adage that says that ruffies live where you find them, an obvious reference to their tendency to occupy a broad diversity of habitats in the snow-free early fall. But with the arrival of the bitter cold and snows of November and December, and coupled with the attrition associated with the bulk of the hunting season, the grouse that remain will be found in a relatively thin percentage of the available habitat. Invariably this will be the thickest

conifer, these birds will usually hold a long time and the persistent hunter may get a second or even third chance on some of them.

Dogs also provide an obvious advantage when it comes to locating downed birds and this is never more apparent than when there is significant snow cover. A ruffed grouse that isn't killed outright will hit the ground running. With snow cover you can't hear them go as you would if they were moving across leaf litter. An experienced dog will make this retrieve routinely, but without one all gunners should think twice before hitting the switch. Don't shoot if you aren't confident of a clean kill.

Two-man parties should work small patches of holding cover, as they are the easiest to hunt thoroughly. Take turns, sending one man through the heart of the thicket while the other remains on the perimeter, ready to swing on any birds that bust from cover. Late season grouse can be reluctant to leave quality cover, so some birds may have to be flushed more than once to push them into the open.

Guns and Loads

Ruffed grouse are easily killed birds at any time of year. You typically only need to get a couple pellets into them to put them down for good. A good load of 7 1/2 or 8 shot is more than enough. Unfortunately, it's not always that simple. Where I do make a recommendation that differs from the norm is on the subject of gun selection. Many suggest going to a 20 gauge for upland birds, citing the advantages of carrying the lighter firearm over extended periods of time. While I acknowledge the benefits of less weight, that's the extent of the virtues a 20 brings to late season birds, and frankly that's not enough for me to make the switch.

Flushing grouse are difficult targets for the average wingshot under the best of conditions. The best hunters may hit one in two; most sportsmen, if they were honest about it, would more likely average one in four on the wing. This difficulty is only compounded when you add the reduced mobility and flexibility that comes with bulky clothing, bitter cold temperatures and your feet anchored in snow. I firmly believe that the larger load of pellets in a 12 gauge shell, and the correspondingly bigger shot string, provides a distinct advantage to most shooters. And I may as well point out at this time that I do not consider potting or ground sluicing ruffed grouse to be an ethical way of hunting them. Why is it that people who would never even consider shooting a duck on the water think nothing of pounding a ruffie on the ground? Surely these regal birds deserve and have earned better, and we should expect

significantly more of ourselves as hunters.

Fast swinging guns are a real boon to the grouse hunter, particularly given the mounting constraints associated with extra clothing. Barrel lengths in the 25- to 28-inch range are

perspiration away from the body. Moisture trapped against your skin will make you cold faster than you can imagine. I prefer wool pants and shirt for their insulating qualities when wet, and top it off with a jacket of cordura or other

similarly surfaced material. A smooth outer coat ensures that the snow that invariably crashes down on you from the trees and shrubs doesn't stick to your clothing. A hat is a must in this situation and one that has earflaps that can be raised or lowered allow you to adjust accordingly depending upon outside temperature and activity level.

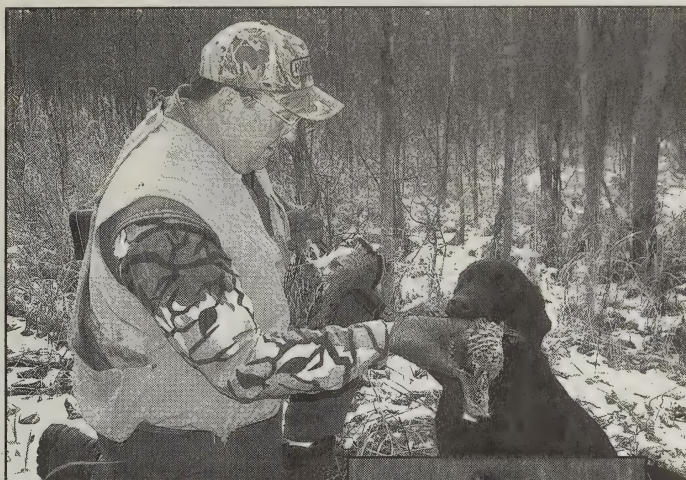
Footwear

Footwear is always tricky; despite recent improvements in technology. They've yet to design the boot that is suitable for the variety of conditions you might encounter over the course

of a day. I would suggest against wearing pac-style boots however. While warm, they tend to be sloppy, offering little ankle support.

Late season grouse offers a whole new world of opportunity for the avid upland bird hunter. But be aware, it's not the proverbial walk in the park that we enjoy in the warm days of September and October. Conditions just aren't favorable; it's cold, difficult to walk in deep snow and frustrating to swing a scattergun with

all the extra clothing you may require. The birds are also smarter now, having survived numerous invasions by early season hunters, and are not hanging out in the easily accessed habitats. What you will get, though, is the exhilarating feeling you last found on opening day. The satisfaction you will get through successfully tackling a challenging task and the memories you will bank are more than enough to pull you through the dreary months of cold ahead, and will leave you in good stead until the ruffed grouse's wondrous drumming lifts us from our winter's discontent and heralds the arrival of a new season.

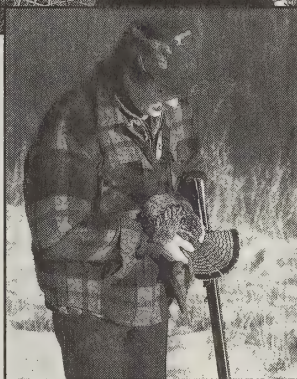


the rule. Action selection is really up to the individual, but there is little doubt that the hunter shooting a double gun or auto-loader will have the advantage of getting their second shot away quicker. I prefer my over/under, if for no other reason than it fits me well and I'm comfortable shooting it.

When it comes to choke selection, my rule of thumb is the more open, the better. I typically shoot an improved cylinder, but cylinder bore would not be out of place. In fact, experience has taught me that choke selection alone may make the largest single increase in numbers of birds in the bag for the average hunter.

Clothing

If you hope to enjoy long days afield in sub-zero temperatures, proper clothing is essential. That means layering. I suggest hunters start with an under layer of one of the new-age materials whose primary function is to wick



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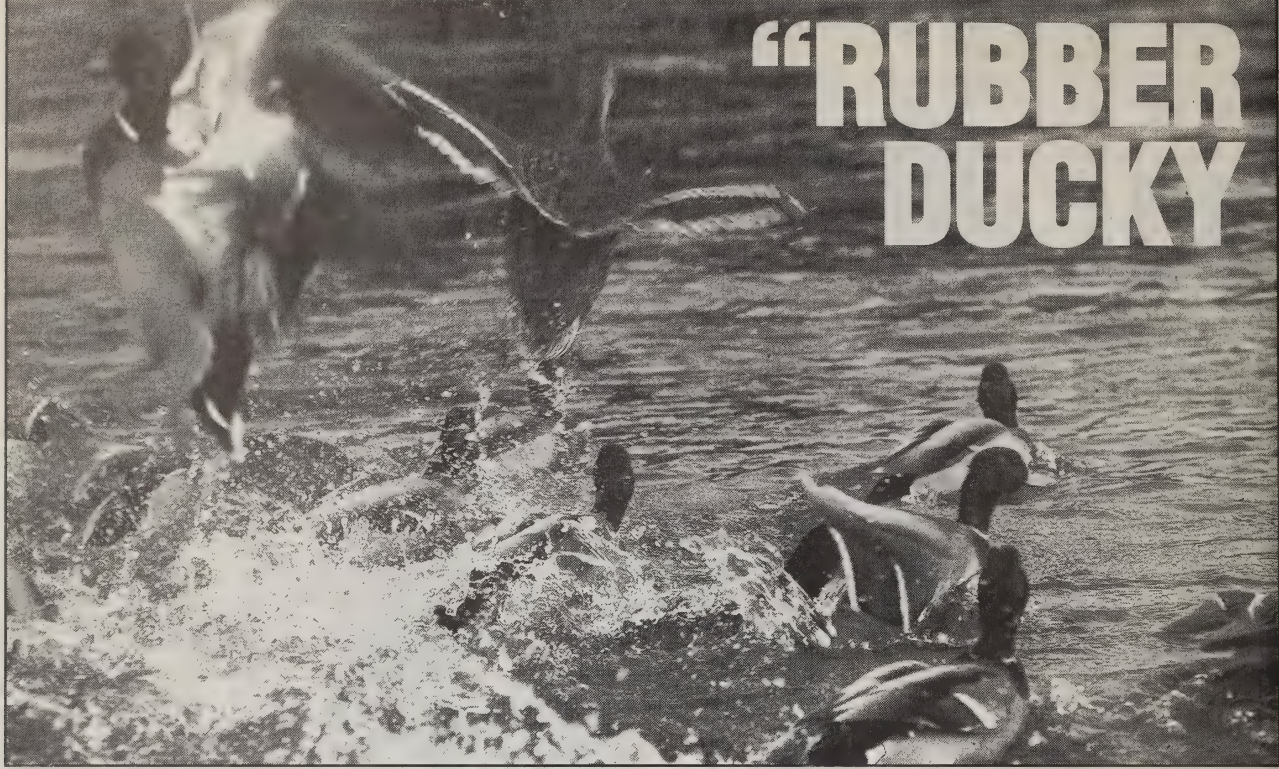
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"Rubber ducky you're the one. Rubber ducky you're so fun." I was doing my best Ernie from

Sesame Street rendition of this classic, when the sound of whistling wings snapped me back to attention. The small flock of mallards rocketed along the canal like the Snow Birds on maneuvers. In the predawn darkness I could barely make out their shapes but as they neared our decoy spread I could see them throw down the flaps and settle in among the group of rubber duckies we had carefully set out only moments earlier.

Decoying ducks is the ultimate in deceit and this cold September morning was typical of the way things go. The ducks came in well before legal shooting light. Our black lab was going crazy waiting for the clock to strike the magic hour, with ducks swimming only meters away. Whistling wings, quacking ducks and finally the smell of gun powder in the air. While hunting geese often requires hundreds of decoys and elaborate blinds, the duck hunter can get away with little more than a gunny sack full of rubber duckies.

Ducks, especially species like mallards, pintails and gadwalls, are easy to bring in with small sets of decoys. Often, a dozen "blocks", that's what waterfowl guides call decoys, is all you need to have birds streaming in all day long. The key is to concentrate on small water



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bodies that the ducks are using regularly.

You will need to spend some time during midday seeking out these roosting locations and obtaining permission from the landowner for the following morning's hunt. I like to cruise the back roads after I've completed hunting for the morning, although it is possible do your scouting early in the afternoon. If you wait until too late in the day, the ducks will already be out feeding and locating productive potholes is nearly impossible. Look for dugouts or small ponds that are packed with birds. Nothing gets my blood flowing like the sight of a pond with so many ducks on it that you can barely see the water. Usually, these are located adjacent to crop fields that the birds are feeding in.

Last season we hunted a small pond that sat right in the middle of a section of barley. There were so many ducks on it at times that they were spilling out onto dry land and there was never a time during the day when there weren't birds trying to land in it. Needless to say, we had some great shooting. Even when the pond froze over, we squeezed a few extra days out of it. We literally waded out, breaking the ice as

we went, creating a small pocket for our decoys to float upon and for incoming ducks to land.

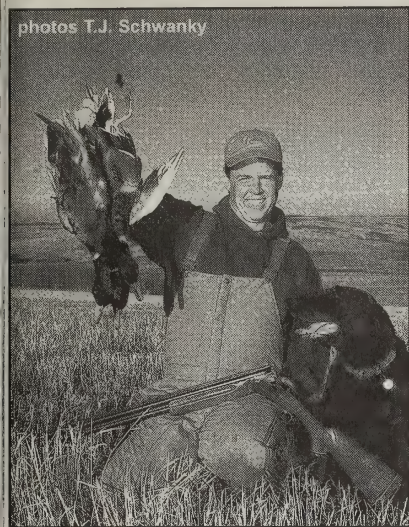
Avoid ponds with only a dozen or so birds on them. The more ducks the better. The perfect pond is one that has small groups of birds coming and going all day long. While you will likely be inundated by some large flocks first thing in the morning as the birds head out to feed, they usually return in small groups or even singles. This is the best shooting as far as I'm concerned.

Unlike field shoots for geese, where you are concentrating on birds coming to feed, pond shoots target ducks returning from feeding, although this doesn't mean there won't be some great action at first light. For some reason, ducks begin moving at least a half hour prior to legal light and will often land with your decoys. This continues for about an hour and then there is a lull in the action as the birds are feeding in nearby fields. Later in the morning, however, the birds will return to roost and the shooting gets hot and heavy again. By concentrating on ponds that the ducks are already using, you are not trying to draw them to a foreign location, you are just directing them to the part of the pond you are sitting on.

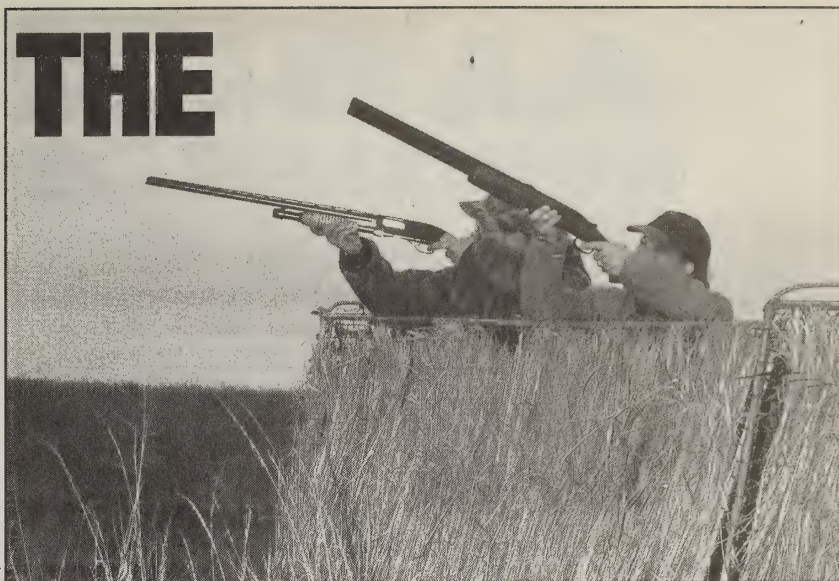
Even if you have bags full of decoys, there really is no benefit to putting more than 18 out and a dozen is usually more than sufficient on a small water body. I like a good mix of hen and drake mallard decoys and find these will attract all types of ducks, not just mallards. Certainly you can throw a pintail or two into the mix, but

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in. The movement makes the entire spread appear more natural. On windy days the decoys are constantly moving but on calm days they sit unnaturally still.

Calling is definitely an asset and it is possible to draw flocks from great distances when done properly. The trick is not to over call. Two callers are maximum and often one can get the job done much better. Ducks are not vocal like geese but seem to respond much better to the call. Once you have piqued their interest, a low series of chuckles is all that is required to keep them coming in.

If there is sufficient tall grass or bushes around the pond, utilize them for cover. By wearing camouflage clothing and a head net, it

is relatively simple to lie down and blend right in. If there is a lack of cover, a blind works well. Ducks, even those that have been shot at a lot, do not seem to equate blinds with danger and usually pay them little heed. I've shot several dugouts over the years where the cattle have grazed right to the water's edge. Yet, even though our blind looked totally out of place to us, the ducks still poured in with reckless abandon.

No matter where you reside in Alberta, there is great small-water duck hunting to be had. If you have never tried this method of hunting ducks, be forewarned, it can be very addictive. For to me, there is no better way to spend a cold September day.

other than looking nice, I'm not really certain that it makes any difference. I've shot just about every type of duck you could imagine over my mallard blocks.

When there is a slight breeze blowing, ducks are particularly easy to decoy as you can be assured they will land into the wind and set yourself up accordingly. My favourite set is with the wind at my back and the decoys only 15 yards in front of the blind. This way the ducks are flying directly at you and present a very large target as they spread their wings to land.

Alternately, if it is not possible to set up with the wind at your back, have the ducks come from left to right with the decoys 20 or 30 yards in front of the blind. For right-handed shooters this is a very natural swing with a shotgun. This type of shooting is definitely more challenging than having the birds coming directly at you and it is not as conducive to multiple shooters, although sometimes there is no choice, depending on the location where you are setting up.

On calm, sunny days, getting ducks to decoy can be a bit more of a challenge. Often they will come from all directions and it is not uncommon for them to pass over the spread several times before committing or flying away, as the case may be. The addition of an electronic decoy that swims or flaps its wings is a great boon on still-water days and is often the difference in getting suspicious ducks to come

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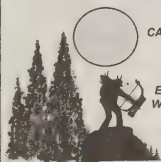
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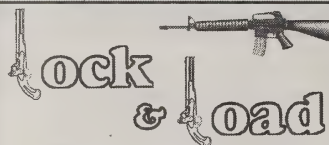
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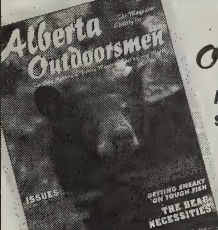
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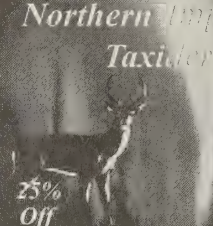
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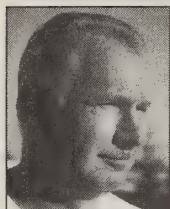
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Grande Prairie, throughout the shortgrass prairies and the coulees flanking the broad river valleys of southern Alberta, north to the Red Deer and Battle River breaks, throughout the aspen parklands of central Alberta, and all the way up to the mighty Peace River Country of Alberta's north — this is "home" to Alberta's mule deer.

I've taken mulies in the mountains, foothills and prairies and each area has to be hunted a bit differently, but, if I've learned anything about hunting mulies, it's that they're usually pretty sneaky, regardless of where you're hunting them — maybe even more so than white-tailed deer. Why? It's all a matter of deer behaviour. Mule deer evolved in open spaces of western North America and use this space to their advantage. Hunting them can be like playing a game of "hide & seek". The trick is, you have to turn this trait into your advantage by

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correctly second guessing what they're most likely to do. You can be sure they'll be found in places where they have good sight lines and can spot trouble coming a long way off. And, they'll use whatever cover is around to their advantage.

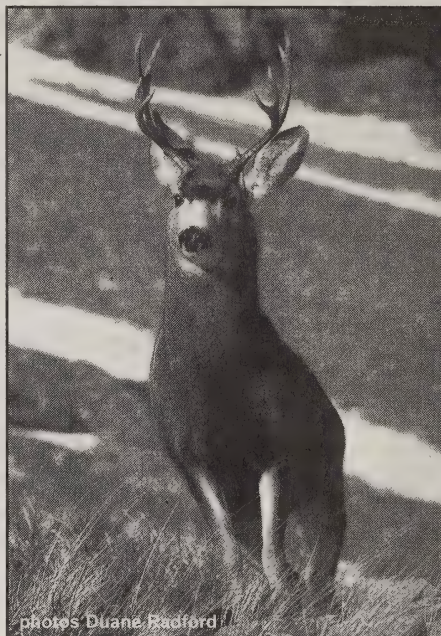
Where the season opens early, in late summer or early autumn, mule deer bucks will often still be in bachelor herds. Whitetail bucks do the same thing, and don't split up until mid-September. I've seen mule deer bucks in bachelor herds of 2 to 5 animals, and up to over two dozen at a time. All those eyes make for good watchdogs, so be careful during your stalk.

Anyway, how do you spot mulies in the first place? "White" is the secret . . . the white rump patch on the rear end of a mule deer stands out like a beacon. You can see it at great distances, even in poor light, so train yourself to look for the white rump patch. You've got to be prepared to hunt all day, and be in the field during prime times to catch mule deer in the open and spot them. "Prime time" means the hour or two after first light, and the hour or so before sundown. During the hunting season they can get real spooky if hunting pressure is high, and just don't move around much during daylight hours. When they do move you want to be in a position to spot them.

What else should you look for? Try the glint

off a polished antler. I've spotted bucks several miles away by slowly glassing likely bedding areas during the day and catching the glint off a polished antler. Bucks will bed down in a sunny vantage spot and watch the day go by if they're not disturbed. Get yourself a good pair of binoculars and set yourself down for some serious glassing if you want to spot mulies. Let your glasses do the walking. Wait for a bedded deer to stand up, shake itself, and stretch during broad daylight. Be in the right place to spot it

though, and keep looking. Think positively! Don't go back to camp for a morning coffee or afternoon nap. The deer haven't gone to bed! They're out and about doing their thing. Your job is to search them out and plan a stalk. And don't think they take time off for lunch. During a recent mule deer hunt in eastern Alberta I had a chance at a great buck which I spotted right at high noon! I've taken mule deer at sunrise and sundown as well as during the rest of the day — even at coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon. The



biggest mistake most hunters make is that they give up too easily and call it quits an hour after sunup and start heading back to camp!

So where are you going to find deer? Think browse! Mulies are mainly browsers. They like to eat the tips of willows, prickly rose, saskatoons, chokecherry and red osier, for example, during the hunting season. Where are you going to find browse? Well, for the most part you'll find these bushes in riparian areas in the bottoms of coulees, or draws, or on north facing slopes where moisture levels should be higher than elsewhere.

Where will the deer be bedded down? Try looking along the "edges" of river breaks,

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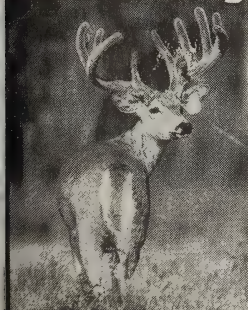


coulees, timberline, stands of trees — places with good sight lines. Mules like to see what's going on. I've found that they will travel a fair distance, maybe even 1-2 km, from bedding areas to feeding areas on the prairies and in the foothills. The trick is to watch the feeding areas in the morning and evening. Don't forget open spaces though. I've seen many mules out in the open during the day. A big buck is not stupid however! It will usually stick to cover when it's on the move, much like a whitetail. That cover might be a creek bottom or a line of trees, even a draw, anything to break its outline. If pushed it may bed down in the smallest patch of bush and sit still just like a jackrabbit. The trick is to get behind it, and downwind, so that you can make a stalk. If a deer is spooked and on the move it's best not to try a running shot. Mule deer can be very tough to hit when they start to bound, and hit speeds of over 50 km an hour. Stay cool and wait for them to stop. If they have a weakness it's their tendency to stop, turn broadside, and take a look back when they think they're out of the danger zone. Be ready for this moment, and make your shot count. You may not get another. Remember they like "space".

Don't think that shooting rutting mules is a pushover either, because it isn't. Quite often the harem is on red alert all day long, and with a dozen or more skittish does on the lookout, a herd can be very hard to approach. I've seen some herds bolt when they see a hunter 1-2 km away, and clear the horizon as they make for parts unknown. A careful stalk will put you in shooting range, though. Keep out of sight and don't make a move if the herd can see you. A buck on its own during the rut is another matter. I've seen some that are as dumb as a sack of hammers; they're no different than a rutting whitetail buck which can practically run over you if it's on the trail of a doe in heat.

So what does the millennium hold for mules? Mule deer populations are in good shape. More and more big bucks are being taken each year as the limited entry draw allows for added escapement of bucks. Milder winters are also promoting better survival. All in all, I'd say things are looking darn good for another season of mule deer hunting. They're probably right in your backyard. Why not try a mule hunt this year.

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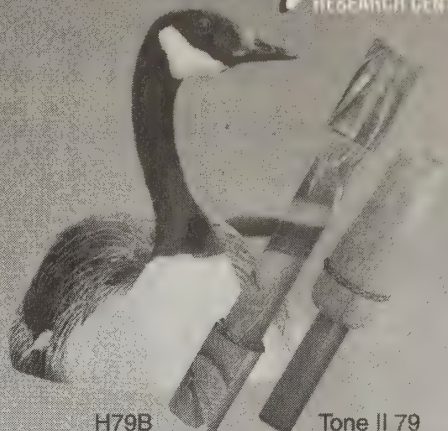


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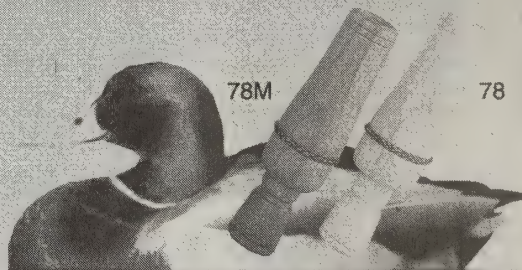
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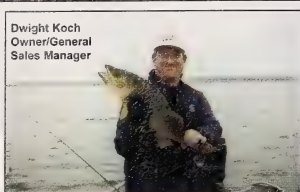
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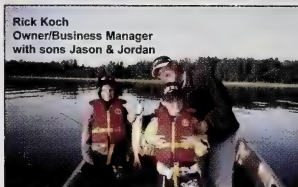
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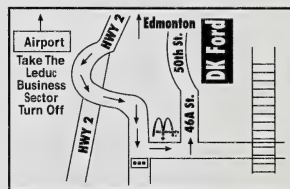
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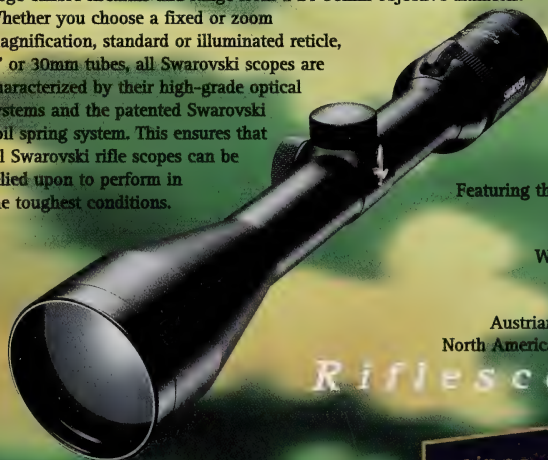


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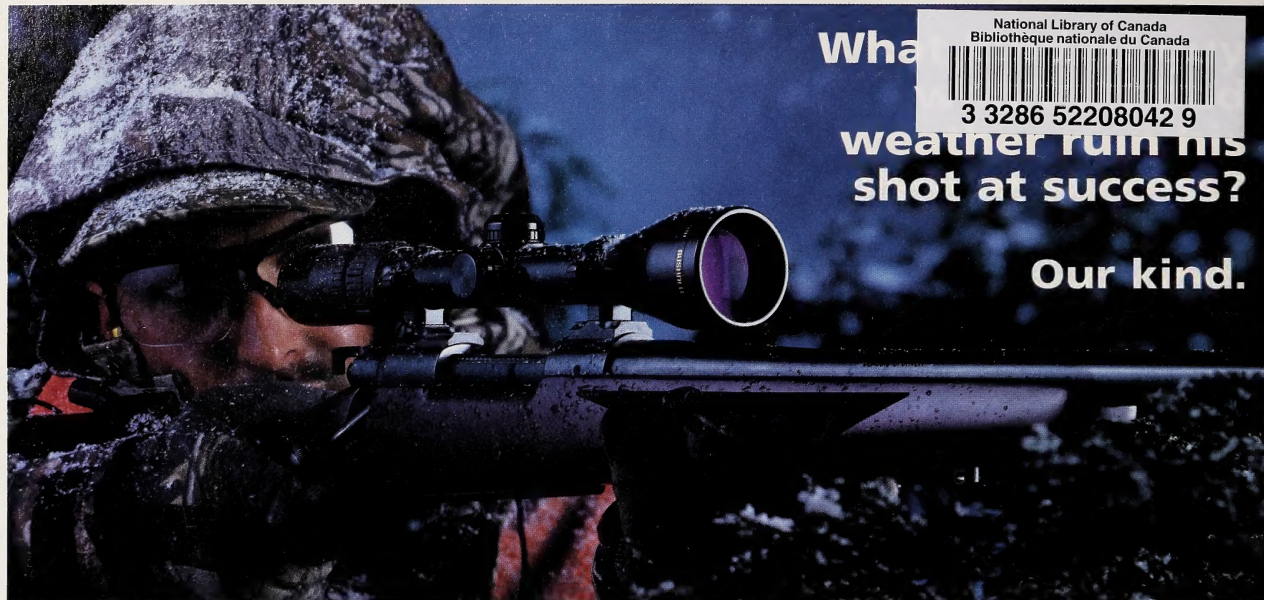
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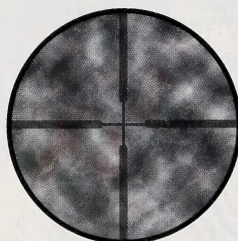
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